**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Gathered in faith to celebrate God’s unfailing love and mercy, we now turn to him in prayer for he is our refuge.

1. For the Church, that all who lead and guide us in our faith may be living examples of Christ’s compassion for all. **Lord, hear us.**
2. On this World Day of Prayer for the Sick, we pray for all who are ill; that Jesus, who was moved with pity at the humble appeal of the leper, may stretch out his healing hand on them. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those whom society neglects or offends because of race, prejudice, poverty, disability, or appearance; may communities work together to bring about a more inclusive, welcoming, compassionate society. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for greater stewardship of earth’s resources: that God will help us understand the value of all living things and give us the wisdom to protect them for future generations. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For the unemployed, those threatened with redundancy, and those searching for work; may they never lose hope of finding opportunities to contribute to society and provide for their families. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those who have died; may they experience the ‘joy of salvation’ in the peace of God’s kingdom. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Accept our prayers of humble petition as we place our trust in you Lord, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**