**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:**

We worship a God who ‘forgives all our guilt’ and ‘heals everyone of our ills’. Trusting in the Lord’s compassion, we present our prayers.

1. For all Christian people: for the grace to forgive and to accept forgiveness, that we may live in harmony and peace with one another. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For safety on our roads: may all who travel our roads do so with an increased awareness and concern for the safety of others. **Lord, hear us.**
3. During this ‘Season of Creation’, we pray for the courage to proclaim and advocate for the care of our Earth and the poor who suffer most from its abuse. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who find it difficult to forgive and harbour feelings of resentment; may the gospel of forgiveness open their hearts to the compassion, love, and mercy of God. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those struggling with their faith, that they may open their hearts to God’s grace and turn to the Lord with renewed love and commitment. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who are weighed down by economic burdens and ‘have no means of paying their debts; may they find the just relief and support they need. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all whose lives have been impacted by natural disasters – may their response to the harm caused by floods, fires and other disasters, foster a sense of unity, shared purpose, and desire for good. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For all who have died; may they experience a new life in Christ, who is ‘Lord both of the dead and of the living’. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Merciful Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires; forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**