**Solemnity of Pentecost**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, and united in Jesus, on this Feast of Pentecost, we make our prayers to the Father.

1. May this Jubilee Year be a year of blessing and grace for the needy. May the poor find dignity, the hungry be fed, the hurting be strengthened, and the sinful forgiven. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For the Church and its leaders: grant them wisdom, understanding and good counsel as they serve Your Church. **Lord, hear us.**
3. May your Spirit awaken the world to the suffering and starvation of innocent women and children in Gaza. Bring relief to their suffering and satisfy their hunger. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For the baptised: grant them the gift of discernment that they may discover their unique calling and role within their parish community. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For persecuted Christians throughout the world: strengthened by the Holy Spirit, grant them perseverance and courage in their faithfulness and witness to the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**
6. Help us to open our hearts to newcomers, migrants and refugees ‘*speaking their own language*’ who come to country seeking security, new beginnings, and refuge. **Lord, hear us.**
7. As the Spirit hovered over the earth and brought order to chaos, we pray for peace in our world. May your Holy Spirit proclaim the Truth to every nation and ‘renew the face of the earth’. **Lord, hear us.**
8. As stewards of the earth, entrusted with care for its creatures and resources, may we nurture and safeguard what the Lord has created. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For all who are sick or suffering, that the Holy Spirit will bring them strength, comfort and healing. **Lord, hear us.**
10. That the Holy Spirit, who purifies us of sin and raises the dead, may bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of God's presence. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, open our hearts to the gifts of your Spirit that we may always walk in the light of your presence. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**