**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As the Lord assures his people of his nearness whenever they call to him, we bring our prayers before him.

1. On this ‘Word Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation’, may we listen to the cry of the Earth, the victims of environmental disasters and climate crisis, and make a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for the grace to encounter Christ: may we recognise Christ in each person that we meet and show them dignity, respect, care and compassion. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those who create our ‘laws’ and ‘customs’ and those charged with responsibility to uphold them; may they bring harmony and stability to society and promote the common good. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For our parish community: that we may humbly and faithfully embrace God’s word to care for the needy and those less fortunate than ourselves ‘when they need it’. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all Christians, that we will be strengthened in our commitment to deny ourselves, take up our crosses and live lives of true discipleship. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who are sick and suffering, may they know Christ’s healing love. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who have died; that they may experience the first-fruits of all that he created’. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**  Heavenly Father, we ask you to hear our prayers, that our lives may always be guided by your Spirit for you have the message of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**