**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:**

My brothers and sisters, let us pray to God our great king in whom is our peace.

1. All authority comes from God and is to be used to glorify God’s name. We pray for our Pope, Bishops, priests, religious and all Church leaders, that they may always radiate God’s glory in their lives and continue to endeavour to turn the hearts of people toward God. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for all governments of the world and all in authority, that they may use their positions conscientiously to serve all entrusted to their care and have the courage to free the oppressed, always remembering that God is our common Father. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for our Church community: fill us with the spirit of humility, true love for one another and of charity in all our dealings. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray that through our Parish and Diocesan Assemblies, and the accompanying efforts of the Synodal Pathway, God may help us to foster unity and growth among all of Christ’s faithful**. Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for the youth of our diocese and the world. Lord, help them in their struggles and choices in life, as you enkindle the fire of faith in their hearts. Draw them to yourself that they may know you and come to understand themselves better in your light. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We pray for all children, that God may guide and protect them and ensure that they fulfil their potential for which He brought them into the world. Through them may He recreate the face of the earth for a better tomorrow. **Lord, hear us.**
7. That the faithful departed may see the merciful face of the Lord and receive the rewards of their labours and services to humankind from God our king. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Father, hear the prayers of your people. We havebeen challenged by your word**;** help us to walk in your ways that we may be a people of faith, hope, love, and conscientious servicefor the promotion of your kingdom in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**!