

Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

Jesus said to Thomas, ‘*Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe*’. As believers, in faith we bring our prayers before him with confidence and trust.

1. For the Church in this time of synod: as Pope Francis and the College of Bishops seek to listen and discern the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, may they inspire and guide the Church in their proclamation of the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**

2. For those who, like Thomas, do not yet believe; may they encounter Jesus through our words and actions of faith, love and charity.
Lord, hear us.

3. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, renew our commitment to compassion, love, mercy and forgiveness among our family, neighbours, friends, and particularly those who may have injured or hurt us in the past. **Lord, Hear Us.**

4. As we continue to rejoice in the Risen Lord, we pray that our homes will be places where we experience healing, peace and forgiveness.
Lord, Hear Us.

5. As Christ offered His peace to the world, we pray for the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage in times of adversity. Keep them safe from harm and secure for them the right to freedom, security and peace. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For our parish community, that we may see the Lord in sacramental signs, giving us new life in Baptism and nourishing us in the Eucharist. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who are sick or suffering and for those close to death, that Jesus, the risen Saviour, may give them grace and strength. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For all to whom Jesus extends his Divine Mercy, that they may always trust in Jesus, be drawn into his compassionate heart, and celebrate his mercy by extending it to others. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For all who work in the building industry. May the construction sector increase the provision of affordable housing for all in need of homes. **Lord, hear us.**
10. For all who have died; may they experience divine mercy in abundance. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

Merciful God, our help, strength and salvation, hear the prayers we make in faith, in the name of your Son, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please note: The Presider may choose an appropriate number of prayers from these sample Prayers of the Faithful.)