

## **Feast of Christ, the Universal King**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

#### **Celebrant:**

On this the Feast of Christ the King let us acknowledge that Christ's kingdom is one of love, justice, and truth. His reign flourishes in each one of us, in our actions, words and attitudes.

1. For Church leaders as Shepherds and faithful servants of all God's people: grant them wisdom, humility, holiness, and courage to be your unfailing light of hope in a turbulent world. **Lord, hear us.**
  
2. We pray for all those who are marginalised and downtrodden by poverty, tyranny, injustice, and oppression in our world. May world leaders and governments enshrine the dignity and respect of all people in their policymaking and legislation. **Lord, hear us.**
  
3. For the young people of our Diocese; as the Catholic Church marks World Youth Day let us pray that young adults may be courageous in the faith, hope and love they share in the name of Christ Our King. **Lord, hear us.**
  
4. As our Diocese opens the cause for the canonisation of the Servant of God, Fr. Willie Doyle, grant that the heroic offering of his life and the favour we believe He enjoys in Heaven will inspire others in their faithful witness to the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**
  
5. For peace and calm in the troubled parts of our world. Inspire and bless the efforts of those striving to end war and open the hearts of those engaged in conflict to pursue paths of dialogue and lasting peace. **Lord, hear us.**

6. We pray for the needs of the homeless, refugees, and all who live on the margins of society. We pray for our beloved sick, dying and grieving and for all that we seek and hold in the silent depths of our hearts. **Lord, hear us.**
  
7. Christ our King, we thank you for your constant, loving care for us. Deepen our sense of gratitude for the many gifts in our lives and instil in us a spirit of generosity for those in our communities less fortunate than ourselves. **Lord, hear us.**
  
8. For our community, may we always strive to build God's kingdom here on earth in our solidarity, fraternity and welcome to those on the fringes of society. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Heavenly Father,

look upon us, your servants,

and hear these prayers we make in faith.

We ask this through the King of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**