

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

With humble spirits and contrite hearts let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For the Church: may her pastors and people be faithful in all their words and loving in all their deeds. **Lord, hear us.**

2. For those discouraged or burdened by sin in their lives. May their hope in the love of God, and their trust in His merciful forgiveness, encourage them to seek strength in His sacraments. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For an attitude of mercy toward those we judge to be sinners or unworthy of compassion and forgiveness. **Lord, hear us.**

4. For all Christians: may they wait in joyful hope and steadfast faith for the Lord's return in glory. **Lord, hear us.**

5. For vocations to priesthood and religious life: may those whom the Lord prompts be '*worthy of his call and complete all [they] have been doing through faith*'. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For the grace of hospitality: may we set aside judgement, retaliation, difference, and ill-will in the breaking of bread together. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For all who are sick in our parish: the housebound, those in hospital, those undergoing treatment, those burdened with advancing years and old age, those who are terminally ill. May God's peace and serenity renew their minds and hearts. **Lord, hear us.**

8. For all who have died; may they know the joys of eternal peace. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

God of infinite love and wisdom,

we ask you to hear these, our prayers.

Continue to keep us faithful to Christ

that we may one day rise again with all the righteous.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**