

## **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Presider:**

We who are baptised have died and risen with Christ. In the strength and joy of this new life, let us turn to the Lord with our prayers.

1. For the Church, especially those persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit fortify them with courage and hope as they bear heroic witness to their faith. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all the baptised: may the Holy Spirit inspire them to give united witness to their faith as Christians 'alive for God in Jesus Christ'.  
**Lord, hear us.**
3. For peace in our world, especially in Ukraine: that nations torn apart by the ravages of war, may experience peace and justice. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who begin their summer holidays: bless them with your protection and care over the coming months. Open their minds and hearts to the wonder of your creation, and the joy of new possibilities.  
**Lord, hear us.**
5. For our country and parish communities: may we offer hospitality and welcome to all who come to our country seeking refuge, security, and sanctuary. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who bear the cross of illness, isolation, loneliness, bereavement, or the fragility of old age. Lighten their burdens by the hands of generosity, compassion, understanding, and patience. **Lord, hear us.**

**Presider:** God our Father, you have revealed your love for us in the death and Resurrection of Jesus your Son. Increase our love for one another that we may be your disciples in name and in truth. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**