

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Trusting in Christ as our mediator before God, we bring our prayers and needs.

Response: Hear our prayer.

1. For the Church: guided by the Spirit, may she be a prophetic voice in the world, proclaiming the truth of the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

2. As we prepare to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, may we ‘cultivate [an] ecological conversion’, acting decisively to protect the world in which we live. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

3. For those who govern our country. As the cost-of-living increases, give our leaders the wisdom to guide our nation in the current economic crisis, offer security to the poor, and peace of mind to those struggling to make ends meet. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

4. For students, teachers and staff as they prepare for a new school year. Through their studies, bless them with the wonder of discovery, adventure and creativity. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

5. For parents with children starting school for the first time. As their child grows in confidence and independence, fill their hearts with pride and calm their fears with your love. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

6. For the grace of humility in all things that we may serve You in our neighbour. Help us to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

7. For members of our parish community who are housebound or those whose work makes it difficult for them to be present with us for worship. May our communion around the table of the Lord offer prayerful encouragement and support. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**
8. For all who enrich our lives and our worship through music. May their ministry witness to the majesty and love of God, touching the hearts of God's people, drawing them closer to the Lord. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**
9. For those who are orphaned and those who care for them. May they experience security, healing and tenderness where they can fully develop in an atmosphere of love, acceptance and care. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**
10. We pray for those who mourn the loss of a spouse. May the Lord offer comfort and solace, and provide '*the lonely a home to live in*'. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**
11. For those in prison: touched by your Spirit, may they reflect on the distress they inflicted on others, reform their ways, seek forgiveness and make amends. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**
12. For those who have died: may they enter the heavenly Jerusalem as '*citizens of heaven*', made perfect by God. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant:

Loving Father, help us with your grace, that we may do all things for you and through you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Please note: The Presider may choose an appropriate number of prayers from these sample Prayers of the Faithful. The presider may wish to simplify the response to the Prayers of the Faithful by invoking: Lord, hear us.)