**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Through the action of the Holy Spirit, God bestows on us a peace the world cannot give. United more closely to His Son, we bring our prayers to our Heavenly Father.

1. For Pope Leo: as he builds a Church that prioritises the gospel values of love, justice and compassion, may his leadership be a beacon of hope and an inspiration. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For the apostles and elders of our day and their task of proclaiming God’s love revealed in Christ Jesus. Fill them with a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit – ‘*the Advocate’* – who will ‘*teach* [them] *everything’*. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For peace in our world and an end to all that separates people. May we strive to raise the spirits of the dejected and affirm the dignity of others. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For the people of Gaza, for an end to the mistreatment and starvation of innocent people. May those in positions on influence petition for the immediate provision of food, water, medicines and aid. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all who are preparing for exams: may the Holy Spirit motivate them in their study and help them to use their gifts wisely and well. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For a greater respect for God’s creation: that we may recognise our interdependence with the created world and work to preserve the balance in nature. **Lord, hear us.**
7. Help us to love one another. Transform any grudges, hatred, or resentment in our lives with your healing, reconciliation and peace. **Lord, hear us.**
8. Lord, you found nowhere to lay your head: make us aware of the needs of the homeless, the refugee, the trafficked and the migrant today. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those who have died: may they remain in the infinite love and mercy of God. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, send your Spirit of truth into our hearts that we may always reject the things of this passing world and live by the commands of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**