**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** With trust and confidence, we present our needs to our Heavenly Father.

1. On this ‘World Day of the Poor’, we pray for all who are starved of hope, especially the world’s poor. Provide them with opportunities for education, employment and financial security. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For political leaders and those who serve in local government: give them a collective resolve to undertake the economic, social and political decisions necessary to alleviate the suffering and poverty of others. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those who share the priesthood of Jesus, that they may be faithful ministers of God’s forgiveness and grace. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration: Through prayer, contemplation and quiet stillness in the Lord’s presence, may they know the true ‘path of life, and the fullness of joy in [God’s] presence’. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for women in the church and society, that they will have the freedom to develop their gifts and skills, and the confidence to be instruments of change and progress. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those who are sick, those who bear the weight of mental anguish, and those who live daily with illness. Calm their fears and bring them healing, comfort and peace. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who have died: may they awake to everlasting life and shine as brightly as the vault of heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, you are our portion and cup, forgive our failings, keep up in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**