

## Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Celebrant:**

The Lord watches over his people and provides for their needs, and so with confidence we turn to Him in prayer.

1. For the Church: may she always reflect the generous, merciful love of Christ who never abandons his own. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For non-believers and those who no longer practice their faith: may the Lord of 'inexhaustible patience' '*enlighten the eyes of their minds so that they can see what hope his call holds for [them]*'. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For the parents and families of those whose lives are devastated by drugs or alcohol: may they be a source of encouragement, patience, and healing as they support them on the road to recovery. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For those who oversee the administration of public taxes: may they provide essential resources to improve our infrastructure, provide adequate public services and healthcare, and support and care for the elderly and those most in need. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For vocations to priesthood and religious life. Open the hearts of men and women to the power of God's grace who calls them to a life of service to the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those who support and minister to those in difficulty: counsellors, emergency services, health support personnel, and all involved in pastoral care. May they appreciate the value of the work they do. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For families struggling to make ends meet: calm their anxiety and fears. Bless them with financial wisdom and the opportunity to provide for their families. **Lord, hear us.**

8. *'I will leave this place and go to my father.'* For those who had died: may they take their place in the Father's house. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Merciful Father,

Your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires,  
forgives our failings, and keeps us in your peace.

Hear the prayers we make to you through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**