**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:**

‘The Lord is close to all who call him’. Trusting in the Lord’s everlasting love for all, we present our prayers.

1. For the Church, entrusted with the riches of the Gospel; that we may pray with faith, act with justice and so be a living sign of God’s presence in the world. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all who work in the Lord’s vineyard; for missionaries, lay and religious, and for those who work for the justice of God’s kingdom.
3. For the unemployed, for those who are searching for work, and for migrant workers who have left their families and their homeland in search of a better future; bless them with opportunities to provide for their families. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For those searching for meaning in life, those searching for God; give them the assurance of Your presence and help them to understand the revelation of Your truth with a new heart. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For the farming community and all who work to bring food to our tables; that they may receive a just reward for their labours. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For an end to the wars, poverty and human rights abuses that drive desperate people to become refugees and migrants. Move our hearts with compassion in seeking justice and mercy on their behalf. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who are sick, in pain, or suffering; may they experience the Lord’s comfort and healing. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who have died; may they receive from the hands of the Lord the reward for all their labours. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Merciful Father, you are our help and our strength. Open our hearts to your grace that we may always know, and do, your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**