

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

As we present our needs, we seek the Lord's favour in prayer knowing that in his great love, he will answer us.

1. For the Church: may we approach the Lord's table to share in the Body of Christ and take from it strength to live by His teaching and obey His commands. **Lord, hear us.**

2. For those the poor, hungry, homeless, and those struggling to make ends meet; may their cries for daily bread inspire works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For those in the legal profession, those who study, develop and apply the law. May they seek to serve and protect the vulnerable, apply the law with courage and honesty, with respect and integrity, judging 'wisely the things of earth and loving the things of heaven'. **Lord, hear us.**

4. For those who administer justice in our court system. May they be strong and effective defenders of the law in pursuit of truth and justice. **Lord, hear us.**

5. We pray for all impacted by crime, acts of harm, hatred or racism: with proper support, enable them to rebuild their lives free from fear and anxiety, with the strength to move forward in new ways. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For those who dedicate their lives to caring for the sick: doctors, nurses, care assistants, and healthcare professionals; grant them, wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience in their gentle care of those who are ill. **Lord, hear us.**

7. As we celebrate the feast of Camillus de Lellis this week, we pray for the Camillian community in our Diocese as they witness to the merciful love of Christ through service to the poor and the sick. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who do not have adequate access to healthcare: may we respond to their needs with love and compassion, seeking creative solutions to bring healing to all. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For our parish: may we cultivate a spirit of welcome, extend hospitality, and encourage the participation of people of all cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds. **Lord, hear us.**
10. As God brings '*help to Zion and rebuilds the cities of Judah*', we pray for the construction sector of our economy. Provide adequate resources and a skilled labour force to meet demands for affordable, comfortable housing. **Lord, hear us.**
11. For those who have died; that Jesus, the firstborn from the dead, may bring them to a place of light, joy, and peace. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant: Loving Father, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**