**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** The blind Bartimaeus was able to see what sighted people could not. With the same faith as his, we turn to the Father with our prayers:

1. For the Church: may all believers see people under their care with eyes of compassion, understanding and love. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For peacemakers in conflicts throughout the world: may their work bring trust and better relationships between groups and factions. We pray especially for peace in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For all who are marginalised through poverty or affliction and sit at the side of our roads today; that the action of Christians everywhere will alleviate their circumstances and bring them help and hope. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for our priests, for those who faithfully and selflessly minister to us in our parish. May Jesus, the High Priest, sustain them in their ministry, support them by His grace, and set their hearts firmly on Him. **Lord, hear us.**
5. As the synodal process draws to a close, may the Holy Spirit continue to work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. **Lord, hear us.**
6. That our eyes may be opened to see more clearly the dignity of every human life: the unborn, the elderly, the refugee, the sick and the dying. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For the sick and the elderly who live with the ‘limitations of weakness’. May they find strength and hope in the steadfast presence of the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For our own needs and the needs of those who asked us to pray for them. (pause). **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those who have died. May they have the light of life with the Lord in the peace of the heavenly kingdom. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Loving God, we long to spread the message of the Good News of your Son. Give us the courage we need to enable us to work together for the coming of your Kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**