**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:**  As the Lord turns his ear to us, we bring our prayers before Him confident that ‘he hears the cry of our appeal’.

1. For our persecuted brothers and sisters who risk their lives because they ‘take up your cross’ and follow Christ. May they bear insult and suffering with patience, strength and hope. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for all who are spiritually hungry, that through the inspiration of Jesus and the example of his Holy Church, they may find and follow the true path to salvation. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For the growth of peace in every heart, that God will lead all people away from violence and into the paths of peace and reconciliation. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For those whose experience of childhood was one of suffering, harm and betrayal. Console survivors and their families and give them the grace and strength of healing. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those who administer justice and oversee our laws: judges, juries, lawyers, defendants, witnesses and clerks; may the Holy Spirit guide their work as they strive for justice and truth. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We pray for those who love the land and care for it, making farming sustainable for future generations. Bless them as they care for their livestock, harvest their crops, and continue to work hard to bring us food. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those ‘in need of clothes’ and those who do not have ‘enough food to live on’, may they experience the face of Christ in our generosity, compassion and care. **Lord, hear us.**
8. ‘I have Faith by showing you my good deeds’. For integrity of faith, that our good actions are inspired by our faithfulness to the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For all who have died; may they enjoy the fullness of life in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires; forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**