

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer of the Faithful

Celebrant:

We bring to God, our Heavenly Father, the petitions of our hearts:

1. For the Church: that those appointed to proclaim God's Word may find open hearts and minds among those who hear them. **Lord, hear us.**

2. We pray for victims of injustice, for those deprived of love and affection. We remember the homeless, addicts, those who are depressed, in difficulty, or doubting God's love. May our understanding, compassion and love offer light in times of darkness and hope in times of doubt. **Lord, hear us.**

3. We pray for our Catholic Schools: support them in their vocation to educate and form our students as they walk in faith and love. **Lord, hear us.**

4. We pray for those in pain, those who are ill, injured or undergoing medical treatment. May they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence. **Lord, hear us.**

5. For a generous response to Jesus's Sermon on the Mount. May we strive to be faithful and generous stewards of God's gifts as we go about our work in God's vineyard. **Lord, hear us.**

6. We pray for theologians, philosophers, scientists, judges, journalists, and policy makers. In their pursuit of truth, may they be thorough in their scholarship & work. **Lord, hear us.**

7. We pray for those who are dying, for the souls interred in our cemeteries, for the souls in purgatory and those who have no one to pray for them. May their gentle souls rest in the mercy and love of God. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

O Heavenly Father,
Support us all the day long
till the shadows lengthen
and the evening comes
and the busy world is hushed
and the fever of life is over
and our work here on this beautiful earth is finally done
then in thy great mercy grant us all a safe lodging a holy rest
and peace at the last in your heavenly kingdom.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**