**Feast of All Saints**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** The saints had complete confidence in God's power to meet all their needs. With the same confidence, we now present our needs before His throne.

1. For the Church: that following the example of the saints, those in positions of leadership may seek God's kingdom above everything else and be inspiring witnesses of a holy life. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For our brothers and sisters who are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus Christ; reward them for their courage and faithfulness. Grant them freedom to live in peace with all people. **Lord, hear us.**
3. That seeking the wisdom of the saints, government leaders may put their own interests aside and make whatever sacrifices are necessary to serve their constituents. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For our own parish community, that, in our hunger and thirst for what is right, we may be peacemakers and show love and mercy to others. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those who do not know God or believe in God’s love: that God will encounter them in gentle ways and open their hearts to God’s great love for them. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We pray that God will open our eyes and hearts to serving Jesus in each other. May our care for one another be a sign of the oneness we share in Christ with all the saints. **Lord, hear us.**
7. We pray for those who have gone to their eternal rest. May they find peace in eternal life among the communion of saints. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for the example of the saints. May their teaching and witness lead us to the fullness of life in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**