**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Jesus calls us to be ‘last of all and servant of all’. With this in mind, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For the Church: may She pray with faith, act with justice and so be a living sign of God’s presence in the world. **Lord, hear us.**
2. In gratitude for the food we place on our table and the efforts of those who prepare it. Help us avoid wastage and commit ourselves to finding ways of feeding those who are hungry. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For safe work practices and healthy habits for all farmers, so that people and communities may flourish together with love, respect and harmony. **Lord, hear us.**
4. ‘Peacemakers when they work for peace, sow seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.’ We pray for peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine. May the Holy Spirit reveal to all the futility of war and create a desire for peace in the hearts of all people. **Lord, hear us.**
5. ‘Anyone who welcome one of these little children in my name, welcome me’. For parish communities – may their ministry to children teach them the ways of prayer and support a living, lasting relationship with Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those whose lives are tested with cruelty because of race, hatred or discrimination. May they always be treated with dignity and respect. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For the sick or suffering, those in hospital, rehabilitation, and those who are housebound. May they know the healing love of Christ in their lives. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, as your children we bring our prayers before you. Help us to acknowledge your greatness and to serve you with grateful hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**