

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

‘On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.’ With trust and confidence in the Lord’s ‘faithfulness and love’, we bring our prayers.

1. For Pope Francis, Tom our Bishop, priests, religious and all the baptised. As one body in Baptism, may we faithfully witness to the kingdom of God. **Lord, hear us.**

2. For peace in our world: we pray for cities, towns and villages destroyed by the ravages of war and conflict. Send your spirit of peace over our world, that nations and peoples at war will live in peace. **Lord, hear us.**

3. We pray for Grandparents: bless them with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. **Lord, hear us.**

4. We pray for parents presenting their children for Baptism and Baptism Teams who support and encourage them. Alive with the Holy Spirit, may they become children of God in word and deed. **Lord, hear us.**

5. In gratitude for our neighbours and their kindness to us. May our communities encourage the young, support those alone or fearful, care for the elderly and sick, and contribute in practical ways to the wellbeing of one another. **Lord, hear us.**

6. As we prepare to draw in the harvest, we pray the Lord will bless us with an abundant harvest, facilitating the even distribution of bread in our world. **Lord, hear us.**

7. We pray for those who work to promote vocations in our Diocese: may they support priests in creating a culture of vocations in every parish in our Diocese. **Lord, hear us.**

8. For the grace to grow in holiness of life. Help us discern the vocation to which God has called us. As a brother, sister, priest, deacon, married or single person, may we fulfil God's work in the service of the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**

9. For those travelling or on holidays: keep them safe, renew their spirits, and may the beauty of creation and the joy of travel open their minds and hearts, drawing them closer to the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**

10. For the grace to forgive - help us open the door to your forgiveness and mercy; bring healing to our hearts, and help us to walk in righteousness, peace and compassion. **Lord, hear us.**

11. We pray for those who are sick: may they experience the healing power of Christ and find comfort and hope in His constant presence. **Lord, hear us.**

12. For those who have died: may they know the deep peace of the Risen Lord. **Lord, hear us.**

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Heavenly Father, trusting in your Son's promise that what we ask for will be given to us, we ask you to hear our prayer and fill us with the joy of being disciples of your Son Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please note: The Presider may choose an appropriate number of prayers from these sample Prayers of the Faithful.)