

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

The Lord is compassion and love; let us express our needs to him with the confidence of beloved children.

1. In the various challenges that face the Church in our day, let us ask the Lord to instil in his people a spirit of praise and thanksgiving, so that we may not succumb to anxiety. **Lord, hear us.**

2. For those who are homeless, for those who are sleeping rough, and those who seek justice for them. May God bless those who suffer and those who seek their good. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For those who bear grudges in their hearts. May God heal them of the burden of unforgiveness; may they be open and charitable of how they speak of others. **Lord, hear us.**

4. May God who sees all that is in our hearts, bless those whose goodness is hidden, strengthen those whose sufferings are hidden and grant us all compassionate hearts. **Lord, hear us.**

5. That proper concern for the good of the environment may not degenerate into a paralysing moral panic, and where people of good will may work together to preserve the health of our planet. **Lord, hear us.**

6. May our faith community be a place where God is known and loved, where consciences are formed according to the Gospel, where children are brought up in the faith and where the vulnerable are cared for. **Lord, hear us.**

7. Today as we celebrate Day of Prayer for Temperance, we pray that we may have the grace and strength to practice the virtue of temperance in our lives, choosing to walk the path of moderation and restraint. **Lord, hear us.**

8. We thank God for the lives of those whom we have loved and lost. May they and all the faithful departed, share in the light of heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant:

Help us, O Lord, to love you above all things and our neighbour as ourselves. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.