**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Celebrant:** Having listened to God’s word, Jesus calls us to grow in our discipleship, generosity and love of others. As we open our hearts to accept God’s love, we bring our prayers.

1. For the Church: may this Jubilee Year of Hope be a time of healing and reconciliation where God will grace us with hearts that forgive. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For Pope Francis: that the Lord will lay his healing hand upon him. May God’s grace sustain him, renew his strength, and restore him to good health. **Lord, hear us.**
3. As we celebrate the Jubilee of Deacons, we pray for all who minister at the altar. May their faithfulness to the Word of God and their service of God’s people, enrich the life of the Church. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For peace among nations at war: transform the hearts of those blinded by self-interest, greed and hatred and may God’s peace descend on the troubled parts of our world. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those lost in the ‘*wilderness’* of addiction and substance abuse: may your healing presence restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy and the hope of new beginnings. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all believers: plant seeds of love in our hearts that we may be ‘*compassionate’*, slow to ‘*judge’*, generous in giving, and quick to ‘*pardon’*. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all whose minds are closed to the ways of God, that the gentle promptings of the Spirit may lead them into communion with the God of truth and life. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For our parish community, that we will always be ready to extend a warm welcome to the visitor and stranger in our midst. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those who have died: may the Lord awaken them from their ‘*deep sleep*’ and ‘*redeem [their] lives from the grave’*. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, our strength and protection. In your great compassion and love, hear the prayers we bring before you this day, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**