**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** ‘I prayed and understanding was given me’: with this in mind we bring our needs and the needs of the world before the Lord.

1. With Pope Francis, we pray that the Church will continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity. **Lord, hear us.**
2. On this ‘Prisoners’ Sunday’ we pray for those in prison and for their families, that our prisons may prove to be places of healing and redemption. **Lord, hear us.**
3. As famine and war force so many to leave their homes, we pray to our Loving Father that he open our eyes to their suffering and recognise that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters. **Lord, hear us.**
4. As ‘the Word of God is something alive and active’, give us faith to receive your word, understanding to know what it means, and the will to put it into practice. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For the synodal pathway: guide our listening with open hearts and minds, that with your abundant grace, we may understand the movement of the Spirit. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For vocations to priesthood and religious life. May they sense God’s call to service in His Church with great clarity and have the courage to respond generously. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who believe that money and wealth alone can bring happiness; may their lives be enriched by discovering the joy of sharing and caring for their neighbour. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who have died; may they live in eternal light. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, you know each one of us and all our needs. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**