**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Enlightened in faith, let us ask the Lord for the needs of our world and our community.

1. ‘Do not raise your hand’;…… ‘do not harm’. We pray for an end to conflict across the world; may adversaries set aside all hatred and aggression in pursuit of lasting peace. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all whose faith is tested; may the steadfast presence of God among his people enable them to hold firm, take heart and trust in the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For the ongoing work of Trócaire throughout the world; through its aid and development programmes, may people in need all over the world experience our compassion and support. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for those who hunger and thirst for the basic necessities of food and water across the world; may relief agencies alleviate their suffering, and governments safeguard against exploitation and suffering. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those struggling with addiction and those living with the consequences of addiction; may the season of Lent deepen a commitment to reform. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all the baptised: may they know the power of Christ who died, rose from the dead, and now pleads for us at the right hand of God. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who have died; may they walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Heavenly Father, hear and answer our prayers. Enlighten us with the bright glory of your presence, inspire us by your word, and transform us into the image of the risen Lord. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.