**Feast of the Annunciation**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray in faith to God, our Father, for whom nothing is impossible and who hears the prayers of all his children with love and compassion.

1. For the Church: may it proclaim the fullness of salvation in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh and living among us. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all who bring news to others: media personnel and journalists. May they be the voice of the voiceless, confront evil and injustice, and deliver news that upholds the Christian values of compassion, honesty and integrity. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For couples trying to conceive; may the Lord bless them with the gift of life to nurture and love. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For the needs of our troubled world. As ‘nothing is impossible to God’, we pray that leaders and nations, will seek to govern with integrity in your ways of peace and justice for all people. **Lord, hear us.**
5. Look with compassion on the lowly and fill the starving with good things. Encourage the downhearted, help all those in need and comfort those who are sick. **Lord, hear us.**
6. You prepared the womb of Mary to become a worthy dwelling for your Son. Ready our hearts that we may actively work for change and renewal in the world in which we live. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For parents facing an unexpected pregnancy: that they may lovingly accept the precious life God has entrusted to their care. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For all who have died; give them the fullness of salvation when you raise up the dead on the last day. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Heavenly Father, who willed that your Word should take on the reality of human flesh; grant, that we, who confess our Redeemer to be God and man, may merit to become partakers even in his divine nature. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**