**Mission Sunday (Twenty Ninth Sunday in O.T.)**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant**: On this Mission Sunday we entrust our prayers, and the needs of the universal Church to God our heavenly Father…

1. We pray for Pope Francis, and for all who are participating in the Synod of Bishops in Rome, that they may, through prayer and discernment, come to understand ‘*the way we must go and how we are to pursue it*’ as we journey together as a missionary people. **Lord hear us**…
2. We pray for all those in public office, especially those who are entrusted with the administration of public finances, that they may allocate the resources available prudently and wisely, motivated by a commitment to the common good and a concern for all those who are poor and marginalised. **Lord hear us**…
3. In the 1st reading King Cyrus was called to liberate the Hebrew people from exile in Babylon. We pray for all who have been displaced or exiled from their native land as a consequence of war, famine or natural disaster. May they experience a warm welcome and a sense of belonging in their new homeland. **Lord hear us**…
4. In the 2nd reading, St. Paul expressed deep gratitude to God for the faith, steadfast hope and firm conviction of the community at Thessalonica. On this Mission Sunday, we pray for a new awareness of our missionary calling, that we, like the Thessalonians, may witness to the Gospel with unwavering faith and conviction. **Lord hear us**…
5. St. Paul prayed ‘constantly’ for the young and newly established Christian community at Thessalonica. On this Mission Sunday we pray for all fledgling churches and newly established dioceses and for all who serve them as missionaries. **Lord hear us**…
6. We pray for all the faithful departed, especially (N.) for whom we offer this Mass. May they rest in the peace of Christ. **Lord hear us**…

**Celebrant**: Father accept these our humble prayers for our needs and `for those of the whole Church which we offer in faith through Christ our Lord. **Amen**