**Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** With sincere hearts, we bring our needs before the Lord in prayer.

1. The Lord ‘took some of the spirit that was on him and put it into the seventy elders.’ For all bishops, successors to the Apostle Peter. As they share in the same Spirit, may they lead God’s people with courage, wisdom, compassion. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for those imprisoned or who suffer persecution for their faith. May they be granted freedom to live and worship in peace. **Lord, hear us.**
3. On this ‘World Day of Migrants and Refugees’: give us understanding and compassion for their plight and may they find strength in our concern for justice and mercy on their behalf. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For an even distribution of the world’s wealth and resources; that poverty, exploitation, unemployment and homelessness may be eradicated. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all labourers, for those who work on the land, in industry, construction, utilities and business. May they find fulfilment in their work, treat co-workers with respect, and make a valuable contribution to society. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who do not have access to clean water or safe sanitation, that governments, agencies and charities will work together to provide for their needs. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who are sick, especially those battling cancer. Comfort them in times of anguish, pain, frustration and despair. Grant them the grace of your courage, healing and inner peace. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who have died: may they receive the reward of their labours. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**  God of mercy, you know all our needs and you sustain us in your mercy. Hear the prayer we bring before you in trust and hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**