**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Christ conquered sin and death by rising from the dead and restored us to a life of grace. With that confidence, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For Pope Francis: that he may receive from God’s mercy, the reward of a faithful steward who now returns to the Father’s House. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For the Church: in this Jubilee year, may all who believe in the Risen Christ follow him faithfully in joy and hope. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For artists and musicians: may they find purpose and joy in their work as they awaken our minds and hearts to ‘*the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes*’. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For those rejected by society: those who are homeless, the refugee, those seeking asylum, those suffering with addiction, may they experience the mercy of God whose ‘*love has no end’*. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those who doubt the existence of God: give them the grace to see and understand that true freedom lies in Your son Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and the life. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For peace in our world: come to our aid! Banish hatred, division and war from the hearts of every man and woman. Renew our hearts and minds in the ways of your peace. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For the grace of forgiveness in our lives: through the Sacrament of Confession, may we experience the healing mercy and boundless grace of God. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who are sick, anxious or depressed: may the healing ‘*shadow’* of Christ bring healing, hope and peace to their lives. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those who carry the ‘*wounds’* of abuse, conflict, racism, trauma, broken relationships, addiction, or injury. In the face of adversity, may resilience emerge as a beacon of hope. **Lord, hear us.**
10. For those who have died; may they ‘*have life through his name’*. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Lord, God, in your great mercy, hear the prayers of your people who gather in the presence of Christ among us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, may we who have not seen and yet believe, confess him as our ‘*Lord and God’*. We ask this through Christ out Lord. **Amen.**