**Prayer of the faithful**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**Celebrant:** As we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, we turn to our King of love in prayer.

1. We pray for Pope Francis as he leads the Church on earth; may he be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things. **Lord, hear us.**

1. May Christ the King bring peace and justice to victims of war and oppression. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for the children preparing for the Sacraments and for their families, that they may grow in love for Christ in the Eucharist. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for a return to the Eucharist in our parish communities; may we recognise the Real Presence of Jesus Christ on the altar and in one another. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese; may Christ the King who calls us to serve, enkindle in the hearts of the young, a generous answer to his call. **Lord, hear us.**
5. May all who are sick experience the healing power of Christ through the care and support of family and friends. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We pray for our departed loved ones; may Christ welcome them to eternal rest; may they enjoy light, happiness and peace. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Loving Father, we place these prayers before you, if they accord with your will, we ask you to grant them through Christ our Lord. Amen.