

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

#### **Celebrant:**

As the Lord comes to our help, so we make our prayers known Him who sits at the right hand of the Father and intercedes for us.

1. For Pope Francis, may he be blessed with the gifts of integrity, courage and humility as he leads the Church in synod. May we always be nourished and strengthened through the Eucharist we celebrate. **Lord, hear us.**
2. As many today are warned not to speak of Christ; to those who demand an explanation of us for the faith we profess, may the Lord fill us with the joyful conviction of knowing the Risen Lord. **Lord, hear us.**
3. Lord, you ask of all Christians, ‘*Do you love me?*’ We pray for peace in Ukraine and throughout Europe. May our common faith in Jesus advance the course of peace and an end to war. **Lord, hear us.**
4. Jesus said, ‘*Do you love me.....feed my sheep.*’ We pray for all who serve in ministerial priesthood. May they never tire of feeding the Lord’s faithful in Word and in Sacrament. **Lord, hear us.**
5. ‘*Do you love me?*’ We pray for all refugees, those feeling conflict, war, and oppression. As we open our borders and our homes, may we welcome the broken and broken-hearted, the afraid, the lonely and the stranger. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For parents and their children: may they recognise in the loving care of one another, God’s love for them. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who stretch out their hands: infants and children, the sick, the elderly, the sad, those in need. May they recognise the Lord Jesus in the

gentleness and care of those who take their hand and support them.

**Lord, hear us.**

**8.** For all who are working hard all night long and catching nothing, those who are weary and tired. Fill their nets and provide for them a quality of life that supports their families and strengthens the quality of their recreation and rest. **Lord, hear us.**

**9.** For all who have died; that they may soon join the blessed ones around the throne of the Lamb. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

God our Father, hear and answer our prayers. Help us to recognise in others the face of the Risen Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(Please note: The Presider may choose an appropriate number of prayers from these sample Prayers of the Faithful.)