**Feast of Jesus Christ, the Universal King**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Let us turn to God our Father, the source of all that is good, asking him, with humble hearts, for all that we need.

1. For the Church: that Jesus, our king and shepherd may lead His flock through all the troubles of life. **Lord, hear us.**
2. As our country prepares for a general election in the coming days, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our country. We pray for a spirit of discernment among the electorate, that we may choose leaders who are faithful to your kingdom of justice and peace. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For our parish community: may we always strive to build God’s kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**
4. King of Peace, in You alone is found freedom. Bring unity to troubled nations that our world and it’s people can live in a world free from fear and suffering. **Lord, hear us.**
5. As we come to the end of the liturgical year, we pray with gratitude for all who have ministered to us through the joys and challenges of the past year. Reward them for their compassion, joy, and steadfast faith. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life: affirm Your call within them to respond with generosity, confidence and trust. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For the children of the world, especially those in need of food, shelter, clothing and education, that generous hands will reach out to care for them. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For all who are sick, especially those in hospital. May they receive attentive care and support on the road to recovery. **Lord, hear us.**
9. Jesus, first-born of all creation and ‘first to be born from the dead’: bring all the faithful departed to the glory of your resurrection. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, unite the entire universe under your beloved Son, that we your servants may dedicate our lives to serving you in our neighbour. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**