

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

### Prayers of the Faithful

**Celebrant:** As we open our hearts to God in prayer-filled hope, we bring our prayers before Him in faith.

**Response:**       **Lord, come to our aid!**

1. For all the baptised: set them on fire with the burning love of Christ, who *'leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection'*. **R. Lord, come to our aid!**
2. For world leaders and all whose decisions affect the lives of others. Bless them with a discerning heart, that wisdom will always be their guide and humility their compass. **R. Lord, come to our aid!**
3. For Christians who even in our day are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ. In their trials and persecution, may they know the strength and support of God's presence. **R. Lord, come to our aid!**
4. For all on pilgrimage: we pray for our Diocese as it makes its annual pilgrimage to Knock. May pilgrims draw inspiration from Mary, a pattern of prayer; Joseph, a model of humility; John, on fire with God's Word, and the Lamb who nourishes us with the Bread of Life. **R. Lord, come to our aid!**
5. For all who serve in our Defence Forces, especially our peace-keeping troops on service overseas. Protect them on their mission and return them safely to their families. **R. Lord, come to our aid!**
6. For peace on earth: we pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts towards peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest or indifference. **R. Lord, come to our aid!**

7. Help us to live blameless lives free from sin, strengthened by the power of the cross and the grace of God's mercy and forgiveness.  
**R. Lord, come to our aid!**
  
8. For healing in households divided because of hurt, resentment, violence, and betrayal. Bless them with openness, courage and humility that they might seek to heal wounds, forgive, and be forgiven. **R. Lord, come to our aid!**
  
9. For all whose lives and homes have been devastated the world over by flooding, forest fires, drought, and famine. Gracious God, help them to recover and heal. Provide resources for those who have lost much, and access to food and water for those who hunger and thirst.  
**R. Lord, come to our aid!**
  
10. For vocations to priesthood and religious life. In their generous response to the Lord's call to minister and serve God's people, '*may they always have the welfare of [their] people at heart*'. **R. Lord, come to our aid!**
  
11. For those who are sick and the hospitalised. May they experience the healing power of Christ, finding hope and comfort in the constant presence of the Lord. **R. Lord, come to our aid!**
  
12. For those who have died; may they see their Redeemer face-to-face and enjoy the vision of God forever. **R. Lord, come to our aid!**

**Celebrant:**

Heavenly Father, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who gives us strength in times of suffering, hope in times of upheaval and faith in times of doubt. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Please note: The Presider may choose an appropriate number of prayers from these sample Prayers of the Faithful. The presider may wish to simplify the response to the Prayers of the Faithful by invoking: Lord, hear us.)