

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: In faith, and with trust in the Father, we knock on the door and voice our prayers.

Response: ‘Strong is His love for us.’

1. For Pope Francis, our Bishop Tom, and for all who hold and teach the faith that comes to us from the Apostles. May they serve the Gospel in humility and joy. **R. Strong is His love for us.**
2. For Catechists: help them grow in their understanding and teaching of your Word. May they be fruitful heralds of the Gospel, leading others to the knowledge of the truths of faith. **R. Strong is His love for us.**
3. For all who are seeking a deeper knowledge of Jesus: through the scriptures may they gain insights which will lead to greater faith and reverence. **R. Strong is His love for us.**
4. We pray for all parents as they hand on their faith to their children and ‘*train*’ them in the ways of the Gospel. Equip them with the knowledge, faith and confidence they need to convey the truths of Christianity to their children. **R. Strong is His love for us.**
5. As the Lord ‘*gathers the nations of every language*’, we pray for unity and stability across Europe. We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine, that God’s peace will unite its people in hope and faith. **R. Strong is His love for us.**
6. For our parish: may we wholeheartedly dedicate ourselves to the work of evangelisation and visible expressions of true justice and charity. **R. Strong is His love for us.**

7. For all who come to make their home in Ireland from different parts of the world. May the rich diversity of languages, ethnicity, cultures, and faith enrich our communities, broaden our attitudes, and deepen our respect for one another. **R. Strong is His love for us.**
8. For missionaries: those called to proclaim the gospel to '*distant islands that have never heard of [God] or seen [His] glory*'. May their zeal for the Gospel and their love for Jesus in the Eucharist make them dynamic disciples of Christ. **R. Strong is His love for us.**
9. For all Christian couples: that the Lord will strengthen them in their vocation and make them witnesses of Christ's love. **R. Strong is His love for us.**
10. For the grace to enter through the narrow gate: that the Spirit will guide us in living compassion, self-control and acts of service with forgiveness, so that our lives may manifest the reign of God. **R. Strong is His love for us.**
11. As God draws the nations to Jerusalem and ministers to them in His holy temple, we pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. Grant them the grace to respond generously and whole-heartedly. **R. Strong is His love for us.**
12. That all Christians may work together in confronting hunger and poverty. May we may share our own resources with those who are hungry and in need. **R. Strong is His love for us.**
13. For those who have died. Strengthened by the Eucharist in this life, may they share in the heavenly feast in the kingdom of God. **R. Strong is His love for us.**

Celebrant:

O God of nations, you have invited people of every race and tongue to the banquet of your kingdom. May all who are called to a place at your table come by the narrow way to the unending feast of life. 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.)