**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Gathered in the name of Christ, we humbly come before the Father to present our needs and prayers.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all church leaders. May the Holy spirit guide them in proclaiming the Good News of God’s kingdom.
2. We pray for the civil leaders of the world, especially in areas of great tension and conflict. Bless their efforts to replace distrust and prejudice with reconciliation and peace. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those who live under the threat of the clenched fist or wicked word because of their race or creed; that God may surround them with compassion, resilience, and patience. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who volunteer in our parish and give so generously of their time: may their humble and faithful service be rewarded in the commitment of others to a life in Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For the broken hearted, those who mourn the loss of a loved one; that they will be comforted by the knowledge of God’s love and consolation. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those who are sick: may the Lord take them by the hand, strengthening and renewing them on the road to recovery. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who have died; grant them eternal rest. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**  Heavenly Father, source of all hope and strength, we bring our prayers before you in trust and faith. With humility and love, give us the grace to do your will in all things. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**