

## **Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

#### **Celebrant:**

With gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist which strengthens and renews us, we bring our prayers to our Heavenly Father, through his Son, Jesus, the Eucharistic Lamb.

1. For the Church: that in humility and love we may share Christ's presence as we strive to live as the one Body of Christ, growing ever closer to Jesus. **Lord, hear us.**
  
2. As St. Paul passes on to the people of Corinth what he '*received from the Lord*'. We pray in thanksgiving for the gift of faith we have received. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, may we faithfully witness to the faith we profess. **Lord, hear us.**
  
3. For those who have received their First Holy Communion. Deepen their love for Jesus in the celebration of the Eucharist; may they grow in holiness of life through frequent reception of this Sacrament, sharing in a new intimacy with the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**
  
4. For Fathers on Father's Day: reward them for their selfless care of our family as they balance work, family and faith. For fathers who grieve and are burdened with sorrow. For grandfathers who nourished us with their love and who now rest in the sleep of peace, grant them eternal rest. **Lord, hear us.**
  
5. For family and friends who have turned away from or become complacent about the practice of their faith; may they come to seek the Lord Jesus through the gift and mystery of the Eucharist. **Lord, hear us.**

6. We pray for the apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration in the Diocese. In the quiet stillness of contemplative prayer before the Lord, may they come to recognise the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For conversion of heart and mind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Help us to come to you with humble trust and to see you in those most in need. **Lord, hear us.**
8. We pray for those who work to promote vocations in our Diocese, that they may work with our priests to create a culture of vocations in every parish community. **Lord, hear us.**
9. As your High Priest Melchizedek faithfully ministered at the table of the Lord, may our priests and Religious remain attentive in prayer, joyful in the celebration of the Eucharist, and encouraged in the service of God's people. **Lord, hear us.**
10. In gratitude for the food we place on our tables, for those who labour in its production, for those who prepare our food, and our table fellowship with one another. **Lord, hear us.**
11. As Jesus took the loaves and fishes, blessed, broke and gave them, may Christ take us as we offer ourselves in the humble service of the Gospel and multiply His grace in the lives of all whom we meet. **Lord, hear us.**
12. For the sick and those who minister to them: may they draw strength in the Body of Christ who heals and restores them. **Lord, hear us.**
13. For all who have died: may they feast at the eternal heavenly banquet. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Lord, as you welcome us to your table and provide us with nourishment in abundance through the Eucharist. Teach us to imitate your unfailing kindness and to build up Christ's body, the Church. 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.)