**Palm Sunday**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** In the suffering and death of Christ we witness God’s boundless love and mercy, and so with confidence we pray:

1. For Pope Francis, Bishop Tom and the priests of the Diocese: bless them with a ‘*disciple’s tongue’* that they may deepen our understanding of the passion and death of the Lord. **Lord, hear us.**
2. In this Jubilee Year, we pray for the imprisoned, sick, and housebound; bless them with hope and confidence in God’s merciful love. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for the people of Myanmar and Thailand as they come to terms with devastation caused by recent earthquakes. Comfort the bereaved and help them to rebuild their lives and communities. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For the work of Trócaire: may our contributions help lighten the burden of communities who are struggling to make their way in the world. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for all nations: that they may seek the way that leads to peace, that human rights and freedom may be everywhere respected, and that the world’s resources may be generously shared. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For Christians in the Holy Land; may they never feel ‘*forsaken’* by the world, but uplifted by the prayerful support and solidarity of their Christian brothers and sisters. **Lord, hear us.**
7. We pray for all who will be received into our Church this Easter. May they be supported and encouraged as they respond to the Christian call to worship and service. **Lord, hear us.**
8. That the saving death of Jesus may restore in us a deep reverence and respect for every human life, for which He sacrificed His own life. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For all believers: that we may be drawn more deeply into the saving mystery of Christ’s death and Resurrection during this Holy Week. **Lord, hear us.**
10. As the people of Jerusalem welcomed the Messiah into Jerusalem, may we welcome refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers who flee conflict, danger oppression and exploitation. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, keep before our eyes the suffering and death of your Son. May we find in him strength for our journey and victory over every evil. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.