**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** With ever-faithful hearts, we bring our prayers to our heavenly Father:

For the Church: like Amos, may she faithfully shepherd God’s people, proclaiming the Good News and drawing people into a deeper communion with Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

Amaziah instructed Amos to ‘*earn your bread there*.’ We pray for all workers: bring an end to exploitation in the workplace, grant a just and fair wage for a honest day’s work, and provide safe and healthy working conditions for all employees. **Lord, hear us.**

For peace in our world: may nations at war set aside all hatred and a desire for revenge. May they listen to ‘*a voice that speaks of peace for his people*’, where ‘*justice and peace have embraced’*. **Lord, hear us.**

For a responsible stewardship of the earth’s resources. Help all who earn their living from the land to safeguard the world’s natural resources so that ‘*our earth shall yield its fruit*’. **Lord, hear us.**

For vocations to the priesthood. For the grace to be fearless in following Christ’s call to ‘*take nothing with you’* and to leave everything and follow Him. **Lord, hear us.**

In union with Pope Francis, we pray for the sick, that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will bestow the Lord’s strength to those who receive it, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope. **Lord, hear us.**

For those who have died, may the Lord lead them into the realms of rejoicing with the saints in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, open our hearts to receive your word, that the Gospel may grow within us and yield a rich harvest. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**