**Pentecost Sunday**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As we gather this Pentecost Sunday, we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on our world that the face of the earth will be renewed.

1. For the Church on Her synodal journey: trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide, may all who journey together nurture the Body of Christ in the light of Truth. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all believers: may the Holy Spirit ‘*rest’* on each of them. May they courageously ‘witness’ to the hope that is within them. **Lord. Hear us.**
3. For creation: as stewards of the earth, entrusted with care for its creatures and resources, may we exercise this duty with the power of the Spirit to transform and renew the face of the earth. **Lord, hear us.**
4. Bless all who are treated unjustly: hostages, immigrants, refugees and victims of human trafficking. Protect them from harm, provide adequate resources to care for their needs, heal them and restore their spirits. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For peace: may the Holy Spirit touch the hearts of adversaries and bless their work in seeking a peaceful resolution where “nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore”. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who are sick or suffering, that the Holy Spirit will bring them strength, comfort, and healing. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For children receiving their First Holy Communion: may the Spirit draw them more deeply into communion with Christ through His Body and Blood. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those confirmed on the Feast of Pentecost. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, may their lives always bear witness to their new life in Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
9. You raised your Son from the dead by the power of the Spirit; give to those who have died the life that has no end. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, open our hearts to the gifts of your Spirit that we may always walk in the light of your presence. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**