**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant: ‘***Going as we do by faith and not by sight, we are full of confidence’* that the Lord hears our prayers.

1. For the Church and all who are called to lead and guide us in faith. By sowing seeds of Truth, may they help us to *flourish* and ‘*grow’*, so we too can bear fruit that will last. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all who earn their living from the land: reward their labours with a bountiful harvest. **Lord, hear us.**
3. Grant us the grace to recognise the sacredness of the earth around us, that we may grow deeper in our respect and care for our common home. **Lord, hear us.**
4. On this Day for Life, we pray for the unborn, especially those who have special medical needs. May their parents know your comforting presence, and may your wisdom guide them in the decisions they have to make. **Lord, hear us.**
5. On Fathers Day, we pray for all fathers: may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith. We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow. **Lord, hear us.**
6. Giver of life, fill us with deep reverence for young and old, for the sick and the healthy, for the weak and the vulnerable, where all you have created is nurtured, respected and cherished. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For the elderly and all who are ‘*still bearing fruit when they are old’*. May Christ keep them ever young, confident in His abiding presence, joy and love. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For all who have died; that they will ‘*make their home with the Lord*’. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, you call us to repentance of heart and communion of spirit. Stir in us a deep love for our brothers and sisters that we may live in peace with one another to the glory of your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**