**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As faithful and fruitful followers of Christ, we now present our needs and the needs of the world in prayer.

1. For the Church: as stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God, may its members persevere in the proclamation of the Good News and bear good fruit. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For Pope Francis : grant him renewed strength, restore his health and guide the doctors and nurses charged with his care. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For world leaders and nations: help them to work together to forge the conditions necessary to lay the foundations of lasting peace. **Lord, hear us.**
4. On this Temperance Sunday, we pray for moderation in our eating and in our drinking. Help us to realise that our deepest hungers are satisfied by you alone. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For prudence and self-control in the use of ill-tempered language, hate-filled speech or demeaning rhetoric on-line. May our speech always be affirming, encouraging and compassionate. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For your blessing on the work of those negotiating peace in our world: may their dialogue be hallmarked with respect, integrity, and the pursuit of justice and peace. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those preparing for Confirmation: nourish them in pray and help them to find their home in your Church, so that they may confess your name in both word and deed. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who are sick: may they know the healing love of Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those who have died: may they dwell forever and ‘*flourish in the courts of our God’*. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father,hear our prayers, and let us know the joy that comes from sharing the victory that Christ has won for us, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**