**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As the Lord grants all our desires, we open wide our hands in prayer.

1. For Pope Francis and the leaders of our Church. May they be strengthened in their ministry of proclaiming, ‘*one Lord, one faith, and one baptism*’. **Lord, hear us.**
2. On this Word Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, we pray for all grandparents. Reward them for the sacrifices they make, the wisdom and faith they offer, and the cohesion they bring to family life. **Lord, hear us.**
3. ‘*The eyes of all creatures look to you*.’ For the environment: create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. **Lord, hear us.**
4. As we celebrate the Eucharist, help us to recognise Jesus in the breaking of bread, who blesses our way of life and leads us to eternal gladness. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those in prison: help them atone for crimes committed, reform their lives, and make amends for the wrong they have done. **Lord, hear us.**
6. Jesus said, ‘*Give it to the people to eat*’. We pray for world leaders: may they develop policies which care for the poor, feed the hungry, and have compassion on those in need of medical care. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who have died; may they share in the heavenly banquet in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, help us to open our hearts to serve others, our ears to hear your Word, and our hands to do your work. We ask these prayers through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**