**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As we lift our eyes to the Lord, so too we lift our prayers.

1. For the Church: as St. Paul makes his weaknesses, ‘his special boast’, we pray for the grace of humility to serve and minister to others with a heart of Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters and the *‘agonies they go through for Christ’s sake’*. May they know the support of our prayers, empathy, and support. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For Catechist’s: following the example of Christ, the teacher, may they help people to grow in their faith and knowledge of God. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For vocations to priesthood and religious life. May those whom the Lord calls sense the command ‘*I am sending you*’ with greater clarity and conviction. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all who use our beaches and waterways for recreation during these months of summer. Protect them from all harm and refresh them in mind, body, and spirit. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For people scandalised by injustice and the lack of truth in our world, that God will give them the grace to be truth-tellers who witness to His presence and saving love. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all travelling on pilgrimage and those who coordinate and accompany pilgrims; may their time of retreat enrich their faith in the Jesus Christ as they experience the merciful love and forgiveness of God in the sacraments. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who have died; grant them the fullness of life in heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, we ask you to continue to watch over the lives of your people, and day by day, bring our lives closer to the life of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**