**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** With the Good Shepherd, there is nothing we shall want, and so trusting in his providential care, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For the Church and her shepherds: may they be grounded in prayer, faithful in their celebration of the Eucharist and the sacraments, and living witnesses of the Gospel they proclaim. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For those whose voices are not heard, that the eyes and ears of the world will be opened to the suffering of the weak and the oppressed. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those struggling or overwhelmed with the demands and pressures of everyday life; lead them to ‘*restful waters*’ where they can renew their spirit and make decisions which lead them ‘*along the right path’*. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For an end to civil unrest: that God will open paths for dialogue, clear minds and hearts of mistrust, racism, and prejudice, and bring forth new possibilities for harmony and respect. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For peace in our world: that Jesus who ‘*came to bring the good news of peace’*, may touch the hearts and minds of those intent on war and forge a way forward for nations to live in peace with one another. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who are sick or housebound, lonely or bereaved: that they will be comforted by the knowledge of Christ’s love. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who have died; may they dwell ‘*in the Lord’s own house’* for ever. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Merciful Father, trusting in your goodness and with hope in the promises you have given us, we bring these prayers before you, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**