**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Relying on the Spirit who always intercedes for us, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

1. For the Church, that Francis, our Pope, will be blessed with the courage to lead the faithful with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For parents and teachers: as they educate the young, may they be blessed with the gift of ‘*wisdom’*, encouraging them to ‘*walk in the ways of perception*’. **Lord, hear us.**
3. In gratitude for the blessings, we have received: may we ‘*bless the Lord at all times, and may his praise be always on our lips’*. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who enrich our worship and praise through the ministry of music: may Your presence and beauty be found in every note and word that they will ‘go on singing and chanting to the Lord’. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those caught up in a life or crime and exploitation. Help them ‘*turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace.’* **Lord, hear us.**
6. For peace in our world: Lord, make us instruments of your peace, so that hatred may turn to understanding, anger to compassion, and despair to hope. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who have died, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Loving Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires; forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**