**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life. In the strength and joy of this new life, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For the Holy Father’s Intentions: for migrants fleeing from war or hunger, those forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence. May find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries. **Lord. hear us.**
2. As the Lord ‘*takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living’*, we pray for peace in our world. May enemies set aside weapons of war, and earnestly pursue the paths of diplomacy, peace and justice. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For all commencing their summer vacation, may it be a time of refreshment and renewal, helping them to focus on the things that truly matter and to let go of all worries or concerns. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For those living with life-limiting ailments or the burden of life-long illness; may the Lord Jesus ‘*lay His hands*’ on them, ease their pain and discomfort, and improve the quality of their living. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for all who work in our healthcare system. Reward them for their selfless care and dedication to the sick. Provide our hospitals and care facilities with adequate funds and resources to improve working conditions and the quality of care. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who are exiled from their homes or estranged from their families, that they may find welcoming and supporting communities which enable them to live in safety and security. Lord, hear us.
7. For all who have died, those who rest in the ‘*sleep’* of peace. Grant them eternal rest. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, you rescue your people from despair and help them in every difficulty; be with us in times of trial and accept our prayers, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**