

# Prayers of the Faithful

25th August 2019

**Priest:** As we raise our hearts and minds in prayer, may the Lord strengthen us in our efforts to 'enter by the narrow door'; may he give us courage for the demands of discipleship.

**Reader:**

1. May the Church, by the power of God's Holy Spirit, be effective in gathering the nations for God. May her witness to the Gospel become more credible and may she be purified of sin and scandal.

**LORD hear us**

2. As Christians, may we not allow ourselves to be conditioned to expect a life of ease; rather, may we courageously accept any sufferings that arise from our following of Christ.

**LORD hear us**

3. For those who experience discouragement or despair, who feel that God is absent, or who have turned from the Church on account of scandal. May God embrace them all and renew them in hope and courage.

**LORD hear us**

4. May the authenticity of our worship and of our practice of the faith be a cause of renewal in our lives, our families and our communities.

**LORD hear us**

5. **We pause for our own prayers..... (5 Sec. Pause)**

**LORD hear us**

**Priest:**

**We pray for the dead.....**

Lord, in your mercy, give us courage and perseverance in our discipleship.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.