

**Prayers of the Faithful**

22nd August 2021

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priest:

1. We pray today for our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are bodily and spiritually hungry, that through the inspiration of Jesus and the generosity and example of Christians, they have food on their tables and love of the Lord in their hearts.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

2. For grateful hearts: that we may grow in our awareness of all God's blessings and make use of all the opportunities that we have to use them.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

3. For all who have left the Church and are searching for fulfilment: may they come to the realisation that you Lord are the answer to our deepest desires and may they find in the Church a warm welcome and a sense of belonging.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

4. For all who are unable to share in the Eucharist, particularly those who are being persecuted for the faith: that the Word of God and the love of fellow Christians may bring them strength and support.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

5. For a deeper appreciation of the beauty and dignity of life: that the wisdom and knowledge of God may open our minds and hearts to honour and respect all human life.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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

Priest: We pray for the beloved dead.....

Amen.