

Prayer of the Faithful

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]

16th January 2022

Priest: As St Paul tells us in the second reading: There is a variety of gifts and all sorts of service but always the same Spirit who brings peace, understanding and hope. In the power of the Spirit, let us pray for ourselves, the Church and the world.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all church leaders: that working together towards Christian unity they may bring about the peace of Christ into the world.

Lord, in your mercy: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

2. We pray for all those who work, in their different ways, to build peace, mutual understanding and reconciliation within families, between children and between different generations.

Lord, in your mercy: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

3. On this Peace Sunday, we ask God's blessing on all who work, whether locally or internationally, for peace and justice; on all who will not be silent in the face of injustice or suffering; and on all who take risks for peace. We ask God's blessing today especially on the work of the international Catholic peace movement, Pax Christi.

Lord, in your mercy: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

4. Let us commend to God's mercy all who are unwell in our parish, for whatever reason, that God's healing power shall restore them to health. And may all who have died, be gathered with people of every race, language and way of life into the fullness of God's love.

Lord, in your mercy: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

5. In silence, let us place before the Lord all that is in our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Priest: Pour into our hearts and into our world, O Lord, the Dove of Peace, the Spirit of dialogue and reconciliation. Hear our prayers and lead us all to the Wedding Feast of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**