

Prayer of the faithful

23rd Sunday – Ordinary Time



Celebrant: ... *Jesus promised that when we gather in his name, he will be with us. Reassured by his presence, we offer our prayer.*

- **Reader:** ... *We pray for the Church: may it always be an instrument of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation in our troubled world. . . .Lord, in your mercy.*
- **Rd.** ...*We pray for those countries that are torn apart by violence and bloodshed: may the people negotiate a peaceful and enduring end to their suffering. . . . Lord, in your mercy.*
- **Rd.** ... *We pray for the sick, the aged and the housebound: may they see God's comfort and consolation in the compassion of those who care for them. . . . Lord, in your mercy.*
- **Rd.** ... *We pray for families who are divided: may they be able to reconcile their differences and grow in love and unity. . . . Lord, in your mercy.*
- **Rd.** ... *We pray for our dead relatives, friends and neighbours, especially for Paul Woodgate, Clifford Newton, Val Van Walwick and Jeremy Moss. May God raise them to the glory of the resurrection. . . . Lord, hear us.*

Celebrant: ... *Heavenly Father, help us to live truly Christian lives. May we imitate your goodness and be sensitive to one another's needs. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.*