**Prayer of the Faithful**

**15th Sunday, 12th July 2020**

**Introduction**

Having heard to Word of God and understanding that the seed is sown in us, let us offer our needs and the needs of the world in prayer.

**Petitions**

We pray for Pope Francis, the bishops and all those who teach the gospel that as they sow the seeds of the word of God it may fall on fertile ground throughout the world.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us.

We pray for world leaders who strive to lead their people in a just and fruitful way. May they be a witness to those leaders who find greed more attractive.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us.

We pray for the Church in Australia as we prepare for the Plenary Council.

May the changes needed because of the pandemic urge us ever more faithfully to listen to the voice of the Spirit.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us.

We pray for the all those who are suffering from a lack of food or medical needs through the pandemic.

May the famines caused by greed and corruption be turned around by the love of those who care, so that the people will see the face of God in their need.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us.

We pray for all those who are farmers and work on the land, as well as those who support food production.

May they be given a real sense of their worth in the world and be given fair treatment in the marketplace.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us.

We pray for those who have died, particularly those who died alone in the pandemic. May they be lifted into the glory of perfect love and their loved ones be comforted by those around them.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us.

Conclusion

Father, we know that you hear our needs and the needs of all creation so in confidence we make our prayer in the power of the Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.