**Prayer of the Faithful**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**24th January, 2021**

**Introduction**

The psalmist calls on God to teach us the path of truth. As we listen to this call, let us bring all our needs to the Father.

**Petitions**

1. We pray for our Pope, bishops and priests, that they may preach the Gospel with wisdom and zeal during this time of great change and challenge in every aspect of life.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us

1. We pray for nations and governments of the world, that they may be committed to the protection of the world’s resources and respect the need for change of policy in face of extreme weather events.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us

1. We pray for encouragement in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Like the people of Corinth, may we be filled with the Holy Spirit to have inner freedom and peace as we embrace the things of God, not of economic power.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us

1. We pray for our community, that we unite in our discipleship of the Lord. May we show the world that following Christ brings peace and joy.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us

1. We pray for all those who are returning to work and study after holidays. May they use the renewed energy to contribute with honesty and diligence.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us

1. We pray for those who are suffering illness of body, mind and spirit. May they be given the strength to seek the help they need and there encounter care and support.

*(Pause)* Lord hear us

**Conclusion**

Lord, as we are gathered in unifying prayer, listen to our needs as we offer them in hope, knowing you will answer through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.