**Prayer of the Faithful**

**20th Sunday**

**20th August 2023**

**Introduction**

Dear friends, with the bold faith of the Canaanite woman, let us pray for the world to be healed and set free by Jesus’ saving power.

**Petitions**

1. We pray for all people of good will, that whatever their faith, they will join together and work for a just and peaceful world. Lord hear us.
2. We pray in thanks for the women of faith who have inspired generation after generation of believers. May their testimony lead today’s young women to discover Christ. Lord hear us.
3. We pray for those discerning who will be called to be Bishop for our diocese of Armidale. May the Holy Spirit be their guide. Lord hear us.
4. We pray for rain, and we pray for our farmers, that they will be blessed as they work to provide food for our people. Lord hear us.
5. We pray for the people of Maui, that their faith will guide them as they grieve for loved ones lost, and navigate the challenges ahead to rebuild their families, their livelihoods, and their homes. Lord hear us.
6. We pray for those who have died, that they may be welcomed into the fullness of God’s kingdom. May those who mourn be blessed with comfort. Lord hear us.

**Conclusion**

All-embracing God, your saving love knows no bounds. Help us, we pray, to share that love freely, without judgment or discrimination. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**