**Prayer of the Faithful**

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 25th July 2021

Introduction

The psalmist proclaims that the Lord feeds us and answers all our needs, so we have the confidence to present this prayer.

Petitions

We pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders of our Church that they will have confidence in the power of faith to feed the hungry of this world through the work they are privileged to do. (Pause) Lord hear us

We pray for all those who are members of the Plenary Council. May they deliberate carefully about the needs of the Church in Australia so that the people of God are fed with hope and joy. (Pause) Lord hear us

We pray for those who are involved with the production and distribution of food throughout the world. May they work to ensure that the distribution is fair and just and that there is a preferential option for the poor. (Pause) Lord hear us

We pray for all families that they may be strengthened by the meals that they share and experience real joy in the company of each other. (Pause) Lord hear us

We pray for all those in our community who particularly work to help the homeless and the disadvantaged to be fed. May they find joy in the work of Jesus. (Pause) Lord hear us

For grandparents: may they continue to pass on to future generations their faith and their mature human and spiritual experience. (Pause) Lord hear us

For children who have no grandparents: that they may find encouragement in the friendship and support of faith-filled seniors. (Pause) Lord hear us

For grandparents raising children: that their selfless love and commitment be recognised and supported by those around them. (Pause) Lord hear us

Conclusion

Father, you give us the Bread of Life. Therefore, we know that these needs will be granted through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.