**Prayer of the Faithful**

**13th June, 2021**

**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Introduction**

Like the sower in today’s Gospel, who plants a crop and waits for God’s blessing, we too make our petitions to the Lord, full of confidence in the Father’s abundant generosity.

**Petitions**

1. We pray for the Church, that the seed of faith may be spread throughout the world and be nourished and watered by the Word of God so that it may bear fruit in the Plenary Council. (Pause) Lord hear us
2. We pray for those who govern our nation, that they work to protect the rainforests, deserts and native bushlands of our common home, so that their beauty and environmental value may be treasured for generations yet to come. (Pause) Lord hear us
3. We pray for farmers, gardeners and those who live off the land, that they may respond generously to their harvest by sharing it with others. (Pause) Lord hear us
4. We pray for those who suffer from drought or flood, that this time of trial may bring the local community together through perseverance and hope for future blessings. (Pause) Lord hear us
5. We pray for our local parish community, may the Word of God inspire us to care for our local environment through the responsible disposal of rubbish, recycling and genuine care for all of God’s creation. (Pause) Lord hear us
6. We pray for those who are ill, mentally or physically, that through the compassion of others they may find the strength and peace to continue the journey of life. (Pause) Lord hear us

**Conclusion**

Wonderful Creator, you sent your Son to draw all creation to yourself, listen to the prayer of your children today and recreate us through the power of your Spirit. Amen.