

**Prayers of the Faithful**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**22nd July, 2018**

**My dear friends, we know that our God is a loving Father. Let us ask him for help and guidance in all our needs and in all our ways of living.**

1. We pray for our Church and for its leaders. May their work and their lives sow the seeds of faith that grow in people's hearts.

**LORD HEAR US**

2. We pray for the leaders of all nations, especially nations suffering war and turmoil. May their efforts be directed at restoring their people's physical and spiritual safety.

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3. We pray for our country and our community. May we be welcoming to those who can share our many gifts, and accompany each other with compassion on life's journey.

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4. We pray for the wisdom to trust in God and His abundance, to reflect daily on the gifts we receive from Him, and to use them for the good of all people.

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5. We pray for our own special intentions.....

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6. We pray for those who are ill, for those who are dying and for all who care for them. We pray especially for all who died this week, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace with God.

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**Lord God, our earth is the place where you live with men. Help us to see you in the world around us and to love you through everything we do. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**