Prayer of the Faithful:

P: Sisters and brothers, as we now make our prayer for our community and for the world, let us all pray to Christ the Lord, not only for ourselves and our own needs, but for the entire people.

1. We pray for peace (pause)

In our lives may we walk with those who struggle. Lord, hear us.

2. We pray for compassion (pause)

In our living, may we make choices that respect one another and our common home. *Lord, hear us.*

3. We pray for hope (pause)

In our lives may humour and enthusiasm lift our spirits. *Lord, hear us.*

4.We pray for courage (pause)

In our living may we face our fears and take action on behalf of justice. *Lord, hear us.*

5. We pray for openness (pause)

In our lives may we be open to being led by the Spirit. *Lord, hear us*.

6. We pray for insight (pause)

In our giving and receiving of Mercy may our hearts resonate with goodness. *Lord hear us.*

P: May we be encircled with your love, O God of Mercy. Fill us with a spirit of compassion and hope, that we may embrace the future you have dreamed for us, through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.