

# PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/WORD OF GOD [YEAR C]

**Celebrant:** Let us bring our needs before God our Saviour  
the hope and help of his people.

(Together we pray, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*)

1. For the Church:  
that it may be a prophetic witness of God's truth and love,  
in spite of opposition and persecution.  
Let us pray to the Lord. **Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
2. For leaders and nations:  
that they may pursue the path of dialogue and peace  
and avoid the suffering of violence and war.  
Let us pray to the Lord. **Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
3. For caregivers and social workers:  
that they may be strengthened in faith, hope and love  
to serve those in need.  
Let us pray to the Lord: **Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
4. For ourselves:  
that we may respond to God's call  
to grow in loving service toward God and neighbour.  
Let us pray to the Lord: **Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*
5. For the faithful departed:  
that they may rejoice in the perfect love of Christ  
when they see him face to face.  
Let us pray to the Lord: **Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:**

God, our refuge and our strength,  
hear the prayers of your Church.  
Strengthen our hope  
for what our faith promises,  
and make us more perfect witnesses of your love.  
Through Christ our Lord.