33rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A November 15th - World Day of Prayer for the Poor

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa – Good morning and welcome. Today is the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time and it is the World Day of Prayer for the Poor. We come together now as a people who each brings gifts, talents and skills, and we offer these for the benefit of our community and in the service of all. I welcome you here now as the people of God, blessed with a variety of gifts, talents and skills – perhaps you could think about this as we take a moment of silence to prepare for our celebration of the Eucharist. (20 … seconds - stay at microphone). Welcome to ……………………… (*parish name).* Let’s stand and let’s sing together.

Note: The reader announces the petition.

The petition is addressed to the assembly who is invited to pray for that petition.

In the **silence** that follows, the people pray according to that petition.

The response which follows concludes each petition.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church –** that all Christian people develop their talents and use them to build up the body of Christ, engage in works of charity, spread the Gospel and serve the Mission of Christ.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For the leaders of nations** – that they actively seek to build processes for communication and trade between nations that will build bridges of peace and respect.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For the poor of the world –** that all citizens of the world will act to end human hunger and impoverished living conditions, provide adequate education, and ensure that all people have the necessities of life.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For an end to Covid-19** – that a cure will be found for the disease and that people will see and understand more clearly, how we are connected to and dependent on each other.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For mothers and wives -** that they tend lovingly to the physical needs of family members, are affirming and encouraging, and enable those in their care to recognise and develop their talents.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For fathers and husbands –** that they lavish love and affection on family members while tending to physical needs and, that they ensure their homes are places of peace as they gently guide family members toward fullness of life.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For those for whom we grieve** – that they be at peace in the loving arms of Christ.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**For our local community of**………………….. That\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please add a prayer for your local community.

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(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

**Concluding Prayer**

God you entrust us with gifts and talents, that we might serve you in one another. May we be awake to the needs of all,

and may what we do in this life, prepare us for the journey of the life to come.

We ask this through ... ***Amen***