15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B July 11th Day of Prayer for Seafarers

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa. Today is the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time. I welcome you warmly. The connection between our homes, the places where we live, and this place, where we hear God’s Word spoken, becomes even clearer today as we listen to Jesus sending the twelve to enter houses as they go about proclaiming good news. We pause now, in this house of prayer, as we take a moment to prepare to hear God’s Word, celebrate this liturgy, and be formed as one people. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome to ……………………… (*parish name*). Let’s stand, sing together.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that all the baptized hear and respond generously to the call to mission.

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

**For leaders of nations –** that through the development of law, they ensure people are free to pray and worship according to their own religious customs.

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

**For people who are not safe in their own homes –** that the places where people live, be places of welcome and hospitality, places where all are safe from physical and emotional harm, places that nurture fullness of living for all.

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

**For people who are not moved by the Word of God** - that they sense the deep longing of their own hearts, accept their own dignity and beauty, and receive the Word of God openly when they hear it spoken.

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

**For ourselves** – that we do not keep parts of our lives as a private ‘sanctuary,’ but open ourselves fully to God’s loving presence and action.

(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.

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

**Concluding Prayer**

God of justice and salvation, from every land you call a people to yourself. Yours is the work we do, yours the message we carry. Keep your Church single-minded and faithful to you. Let failure not discourage us nor success beguile our hearts, as you send us to proclaim the Gospel. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever… Amen