21st Sunday Ordinary time Year C August 21st

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Offering the prayer of the faithful is a priestly task. The whole assembly, by their baptism, are called as priests to pray for the needs of the world.

This is what we are doing when we pray the prayer of the faithful.

Tēnā Koutou Katoa / Good morning and welcome. Today we are reminded once again that the last will be first and the first last. Let us remember as we gather here this morning, that we are servants of one another, and that once Mass is finished today, we take our servanthood out into the community to serve those we meet. We come together today hearing that call, to be a servant of one another, forming one body, one people. I welcome you warmly on this, the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time. Welcome today to ……………………..…….. *(Parish name).* In preparation for this Eucharist, we take a moment’s silence together. **(20 sec – stay at microphone).** Now we stand, sing, and celebrate our unity in Christ and with each other.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – thatwe learn to walk together, build bonds of friendship, love and understanding among ourselves and with people of other Christian denominations.

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

**For those who do not hear the Gospel** – that their hearts be softened, and that people of faith be creative, energetic and compassionate in sharing the good news.

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

**For leaders of nations –** that they seek not power over people, but power that enables fullness of life for all people, especially those in the poorest and most volatile nations.

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

**For people facing financial hardship –** that there will be support for those who struggle to pay the rent and put bread on the table.

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

**For children of Aotearoa / New Zealand** – that they have a safe home to live in, whanau who value and protect them, food that nourishes and an education that supports their learning.

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

**For refugees and migrants –** that they find a spirit of openness, welcome and hospitality in the new places they must learn to call home.

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

**For our local community of … (Please discern the needs of your locality and compose a petition.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Concluding Prayer** (Priest)

To the banquet of your kingdom, O God of the nations, you have invited people of every race and tongue. May all who are called to a place at your table come by the narrow way to the unending feast of life. 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 for ever and ever. **Amen.**