22nd Sunday Ordinary time Year C August 28th

**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 is the 22nd Sunday or Ordinary Time. Though we come from many different backgrounds and cultures, we are gathered together today as one people, a body united, the People of God. God calls us and as a community, God makes us God’s own. Let’s prepare to encounter the living God in this liturgy but taking a moment’s silence: **(20 sec – stay at microphone).**  Welcome to ……………………..…….. *(Parish name).* Let’s stand, sing.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that, seated at the table of plenty, we extend our arms outward to welcome ‘the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind’ and all on society’s margins.

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

**For leaders of nations –** that they work cooperatively and with urgency to ensure the protection of the earth, its oceans, its rivers, its peoples, its animals, its vegetation and its atmosphere.

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

**For people of great wealth –** that their riches be a gift which sets them free as they seek and find opportunities to enliven the poor, heal the broken and lift up the down-hearted. (Silence)

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

**For people who exist on the margins of society** – that great store be placed on the worth of all people, and that we ensure everyone has the means to live lives of dignity.

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

**For our common home –** that all people throughout the world be renewed with a sense of openness, wonder and awe at creation, and a willingness to see and appreciate their connection with all that exists.

(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)

God and judge of all, you show us that the way to your kingdom is through humility and service. Deepen our appreciation of your wonderful gift, this earth we live on. May we be true to the path of justice make a place for the rejected and the poor. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. ***AMEN***