

# PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2014

## RESPONSE; LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

1. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that, if we are angry with someone, we should first go and reconcile ourselves with them before we come to his altar. We pray for the grace to make our peace with all and answer the Lord's call to love Him and love our neighbour.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer

2. We pray today for couples and for families who are struggling in their relationships, that the grace of the Lord be bestowed on them and that they be helped in their efforts to love and cherish each other.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer

3. We pray for those who are preparing for marriage, that their love for each other be deepened and strengthened so that they may not only enjoy the day of their wedding but also a long life of happiness together.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer

4. We remember Pope Francis as he prepares for the Church Synod on the Family in October. We pray that the Spirit guide him and the bishops, so that our Church can be a place where all families are welcome and can fully participate in the worship of our God.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer

5. We remember in our prayers today those in our own country who have suffered such severe loss and suffering in the past week when their homes and towns were flooded. We pray that they may find comfort in the very generous response of neighbours and friends who have come to their aid at their time of distress and calamity.

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer

6. We remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers (*pause for 5 seconds*)

We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer