

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CYCLE B

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Jesus Christ has done all things well! How confident and joyful are our prayers for others, when we hear these consoling words, in praise of the one who “makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.”

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. That the Church, led by Pope Francis and our Bishop Paul, may be truly “Catholic,” without distinctions between ethnicity or classes of people. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That people everywhere may be able to hear the word of God and respond to it in freedom. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That people who care for those with disabilities may be encouraged by the sensitivity and kindness of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That people who are poor will always have a place in our community. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That the dead may be set free and raised up to enjoy God for ever. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Lord of healing love, you have opened our hearts to the Gospel; you have opened our lips to proclaim it. Receive the prayers of believers, baptised in the saving grace of your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Response: *Amen.*