

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time 20/21 January 2024**

**PRIEST**

**Father God today we are called to respond immediately when we hear your Word and likewise, you respond immediately when we pray with faith for the needs of your people.**

**LEADER**

**For the needs of the Church**

We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Paul, Fr Kevin, Fr Maleko, Fr Biju and all who answer Your call to priesthood. We too are called to go out and preach the Good News so that our church will be a light in the darkness and fear experienced throughout the world.

**E te Ariki**

**For the salvation of the world and all who suffer**

We pray for those who do not know the Gospel of Jesus. We ask you to inspire evangelists to 'GO' as Jonah, Andrew, James, John and Peter did, so that the peace of Christ will bring hope and relief from suffering. May the Holy Spirit descend upon all leaders to work for peace not war.

**E te Ariki**

**For our parish**

We pray for our family of St Joseph's. Grant your grace upon all families, especially those who are experiencing hardship. Help them to pray together every day and place their needs before you, our Abba. For those who have sufficient for their needs give them loving and generous hearts to support those in need.

**E te Ariki**

**For our country**

We pray for Aotearoa New Zealand. Fr God hear our prayer that the Government listens to the cry of the poor, the homeless, those seeking work and those who carry too heavy burdens in looking after the sick and suffering. May this country be a safe and blessed place for all who live here.

**E te Ariki**

**For the deceased**

That those who have died recently, and all our loved ones who have died, may receive forgiveness for all their sins and live in joy and peace with you, forever.

**E te Ariki**

**PRIEST**

**Loving Father, we thank you for hearing our prayers at this Eucharist today together with the prayers of those who want to be here but cannot be, we ask this in Jesus' name through the power of the Holy Sprit.**

**Amen**