SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

One or two of these prayers could be used each week with the parish’s Prayer of the Faithful.

For the Church in the World
Let us pray for the church throughout the world, may her mission to the poor shine ever more brightly as a beacon of hope for the hungry and oppressed.

We pray to the Lord.

For our world leaders
Let us pray for all leaders and public authorities with the power to affect the lives of small family farmers within their countries. May their decisions protect the livelihoods of those who labour to bring food from the earth, ensuring access to vital resources such as seeds, land, and water.

We pray to the Lord.

For those who are hungry
Let us pray for each and every person for whom hunger is a daily reality – nearly one billion members of our human family. May they both inspire and participate in solutions to end the scandal of their suffering.

We pray to the Lord.

For the protection of all creation
Let us pray for all creation, threatened by human greed and apathy. May God inspire people to protect and preserve the earth so that it may continue to nourish our human family from generation to generation.

We pray to the Lord.

For the peoples of Africa
Let us pray for all the peoples of Africa and her many countries. We pray especially for the needs of Nigeria and the Justice, Development and Peace Commission established by her bishops, who with the support of Development and Peace, are working to meet the agricultural needs of poor farmers.

We pray to the Lord.

For the peoples of Asia
Let us pray for all the peoples of Asia who find themselves hungry and in need. We pray especially for the Philippines and for Urban Poor Associates – a Filipino partner of Development and Peace that is helping establish community gardens as people continue to rebuild their lives from the 2013 typhoon.

We pray to the Lord.

For the peoples of Latin America
Let us pray for the peoples of Latin America. We pray especially for the Pastoral Land Commission of the Church in Brazil. Through the solidarity of Development and Peace, may the Commission continue to be an advocate for the rural poor and landless in their search for justice.

We pray to the Lord.

For all partners of Development and Peace
Let us pray for all the courageous groups of women and men who partner with Development and Peace in more than 30 countries of Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, and those who rely on our support to work for the development of their communities.

We pray to the Lord.

For our local community
Let us pray for all members of our community whose faith motivates them to work for justice. We pray especially for those who are volunteer members with Development and Peace here in Canada and who work to promote its mission. May they be blessed in their work and continue to inspire generosity of both talent and treasure from their fellow Canadian Catholics.

We pray to the Lord.