**Prayers of Faithful for Feast of Corpus Christi 2nd June 2024**

**Celebrant: Merciful God, Hear our prayers today as we bring our prayers before you on this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.**

**Reader: On this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we pray for a deeper understanding and appreciation for the gift of the Eucharist which is at the centre of our Christian life.**

**Open our hearts to receive you and value your presence in our lives with faith and love.**

**Lord Hear us…….**

**We pray for the nations of the world: those who are experiencing conflict and suffering, especially in Gaza & Ukraine at this time.**

**Open our hearts to receive your peace, that aggression, injustice and distrust may cease and your people may live together in trust and harmony.**

**Lord Hear Us……..**

**We pray for our community, especially those who are finding it hard to meet the demands of life especially the cost of living in these difficult times.**

**Open our hearts to receive your peace, that greed, selfishness and neglect may cease and all your people be welcomed, cared for and valued.**

**Lord Hear Us…..**

**We pray for all in need, the lonely, the friendless and for the sorrowing; for the sick and the dying, and for those who care for them.**

**Open our hearts to receive your peace, that in distress or despair, pain or grief, we may entrust our hopes and fears to you.**

**Lord Hear US…..**

**We remember those who have died in your love, for your faithful people of every age, and for those of this parish whose yearly remembrance occurs around this time.**

**Lord Hear US….**

**We ask Mary our mother to be alongside us on our journey of faith as we pray HAIL MARY ….**

**Let us pause and in the silence of our hearts we bring our personal petitions before the Lord ….(pause}**

**CELEBRANT: Heavenly Father, may our celebration of Christ’s farewell meal of love mould us into a caring community. We ask this and all our prayers in the name of your Son Christ our Lord. AMEN**