PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL February 15-16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Church: may we, the children of God, follow Christ's teaching and put our faith – not in material things – wealth, power and prestige – but trust instead in the power and wisdom of our loving God. **Christ our hope, we pray**.

For the World: Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. **Christ our hope, we pray**.

Help us to never forget that Jesus came to lift up all – including the poor, the hungry, the mistreated, and those who are weeping. **Christ our hope, we pray**.

Give us the courage to let go of our relentless grip on our own lives, knowing that our true security is in putting ourselves in your hands. **Christ our hope, we pray**.

Help us to trust and put our hope in you, so we can be like a tree planted beside a stream – unstressed, nourished, and bearing fruit. **Christ our hope, we pray**.

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick. We pray also for all those who have died. May their souls rest in peace. **Christ our hope, we pray**.

We lift up to you the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **Christ our hope, we pray**.