

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (11 February 2018)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for the church, the sheep of God's flock, and for her shepherds; for parents and grandparents who shepherd their families; for leaders of faith communities and Christians who reach out to the poor ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for world leaders, leaders of our nation, and our local communities; for those who serve in public office; for our women and men in the military, law enforcement, first responders, and educators ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those who seek out and serve the poorest of the poor, refugees fleeing violence and injustice, immigrants seeking a better life for their families, those in prison, and those abandoned and forgotten ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those mistreated or disrespected out of prejudice; for exploited children and vulnerable adults, for victims of the drug trade, victims of gun violence, and victims of human trafficking ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for those who suffer from socially devastating diseases; for efforts, programs, and dedicated professionals who assist in their healing; and for greater care and compassion on our part ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those afflicted with seasonal flu and chronic pain; for the homebound, the disabled, the sick and the dying; and for adequate and dignified health care for all our citizens; we pray especially for Gertrude Hughes; Peggy Vruels; Jean Foley; Donna Charles; Bill Branscome; Mary Wallace

... and for comfort for those who suffer ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for our loved ones who have died, and those whom no one mourns; for grieving spouses, children, families and friends; we pray especially for Richard Crotty; Joseph Chen; John Young; Hank Moyer; JD Miller; Edward Michael Kayser (KY-zer)

... that in his compassion God grant them eternal peace ... we pray to the Lord.