

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (7 October 2018)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for God's people, the church throughout the world, and for all of us; for steadfast effort in building up our community of faith with compassion and love, in good times and in bad, in joy and in sorrow ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for our country and our leaders; for journalists who bring the world and its troubles to our attention; for public servants who work for the common good; and for conviction and resolve to do what is right ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray in thanksgiving for married couples whose love is sacrificial and joyful; for the grace to persevere each day in honoring the promises they have made; and for joy in the gift of intimacy and friendship ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for the commitment to protect the vulnerable—the unborn, the children, and the elderly; to welcome the stranger; to accompany those in prison; to feed the hungry; and to embrace the poor ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for those who experience the pain of separation and divorce; for spouses who are unable to forgive; for children torn by conflict at home; and for all who grieve the loss of their hopes and dreams ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for our loved ones who are sick; for those who struggle with anxiety, addiction, depression or chronic pain; for the homebound and those in hospice care; and for their families and caregivers; we pray especially for Gertrude Hughes; Ruth Fitzgerald; Tracy Aitcheson;

... with confidence in God's comfort and healing ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for our loved ones who have gone ahead of us into eternal life; for those whom no one remembers; for victims of violence and natural disasters; we pray also for Ronald Thorpe; Michael Wheeler; Sue & Tom Thompson;

... that God welcome them into his loving embrace ... we pray to the Lord.