

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (8 September 2019)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray in thanksgiving for catechists, preachers, and church leaders who proclaim the Good News; for parents and grandparents, educators, coaches and mentors, and all who carefully and patiently nurture and challenge us to faithful and authentic Christian living ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray in thanksgiving for those who give their lives in testimony to Jesus and his mission; for missionaries in far-away places, and the missionaries in our midst; for benefactors who support the work of evangelization; and for all who pray for the church's ministry of proclaiming the Gospel ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray in thanksgiving for laborers and employers; for all who engage in commerce and industry; for those who work to support their families, and all who have retired from a lifetime of productive work for the advancement of human society ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray in thanksgiving for theologians and spiritual authors, for musicians and artists, and all who lead us more deeply into the mystery of God's word ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray in thanksgiving for those who serve the common good; for public officials and civil servants, law enforcement, firefighters, medical personnel, service volunteers, and all who assist their neighbor out of the goodness of their heart ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for the sick, and all who suffer chronic pain; for the homebound and the disabled, those in recovery, and those in hospice care; we pray also for Kathy Wise; Barbara Ferency; Joe Levin; Angel Knous; Gib McGough; Matthew Gavin;

... and for all who help alleviate the suffering of others ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for those who have died, especially Pat Elias—mother of Tricia Beard; Denis Bouygues; Chas Pauly; Ken Kramer; Lou Blanchet; Daniel Calder; Ruth Kovarik; Mary Frye;

... and for all who mourn deeply the loss of a loved one ... we pray to the Lord.