

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (6 September 2020)  
Prayers of the Faithful

1. We pray for the church called to proclaim God's truth and to be light to the nations; for Christians who refuse and church leaders who fail to speak out, to challenge, and to call God's people to conversion ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for leaders of church and civic government who use authority for personal gain, to oppress or intimidate; for people of faith and goodwill who encourage and build others up by word and example ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray that we resolve conflicts with charity; for peacemakers, peacekeepers, those who work to bring others together, and those who teach them to live in harmony; and for the work of unity among Christians ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those whose hearts and minds are hardened, those in need of reconciliation, those caught up in resentment, fear, and violence; and for healers of body and spirit who nurture the broken ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for those among us who are suffering, the homeless, the hungry, the sick, and the homebound; the disabled, those suffering addictions, chronic pain and mental health issues; those in prison, and the dying; we pray especially for Don D'Avanzo; Jane Sauer; Cindy Steed; Kim Van Nguyen (nwin);

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... for these and all who care for them ... we pray to the Lord.

6. We pray for those who have died, those who died too soon, and those who have lived long and happy lives; for those we love and those no one remembers; we pray especially for Jake Huewe—grandson of Judith & Dwaine Huewe; Meg Haberman; Ken Kramer;

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... that they come to know light and peace in God's loving embrace ... we pray to the Lord.