

Prayer of the Faithful
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 5th, 2020

Presider Sacristy Lector Fr. Carl

Presider: Let us now bring to God our prayers and petitions.

Lector: For the Church: that God may help us take up the yoke of Christ and follow Him in speaking the truth lovingly, offering forgiveness to those who wrong us, and praying for our enemies.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who are weary in body, mind or spirit: that God may restore strength to the physically exhausted, hope to those who are emotionally worn out, and energy to all who are exhausted through loving service of others.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For legislators and municipal council members: that God may give them wisdom in addressing current challenges, courage to work for the greater good, and openness to new approaches for those whom they serve.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For an end to injustice and discrimination: that God may change the hearts and minds of those entrapped in judging people by looks, ethnicity, or social status and help everyone to recognize the God-given dignity of each person.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who need healing, particularly those with Covid-19: that God's healing Spirit may ease their suffering, restore them to health, and guide all who are caring for them.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our nation: that God may guide us in living the values which we proclaim so that all may experience life, liberty, and justice.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: For all who have died: that they may be brought into the glories of Heaven.

We pray to the Lord. R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: We remember in a special way the repose of the souls of our parishioners, families, and friends, and for the Intentions of the People of St. Joseph.

[The Presider now invites the assembly to join in saying the Parish Prayer found in the Worship Aid]
Oh Lord, You are the Potter, we are the clay. Design us to reflect Your glory as we rebuild Your church. Fashion our ears to hear new ideas. Shape our hearts to appreciate other's creativity and insight. Form our eyes to see Jesus in each other. Mold our community to be united in our pilgrimage. Help us build a place of refuge, a holy temple, with Jesus as the cornerstone. May we work together with love and care, ever mindful that the spirit, not the structure, is the essence of the design. May we come together as a family of one, to be guided by the Father, Holy Spirit, and Son. Amen.