

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 19TH, 2020

Presider Sacristy Lector

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

Lector: For the church: that the Spirit of God may work within us to bring healing to those areas that are most wounded and bring forth a harvest of love and virtue.

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

Lector: For all who are bound by hatred and resentment: that the Holy Spirit may cultivate the seeds of forgiveness and compassion within their hearts and wither those seeds that yield revenge, violence, and destruction.

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

Lector: For all who have suffered abuse or who are in abusive relationships: that the Holy Spirit may hear their cries and lead them to safety and peace.

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

Lector: For each of us: that we may be a leaven of compassion and justice in our society so that the weeds of racism and oppression may be uprooted.

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

Lector: For all who are unemployed: that God may give them courage as they search, openness to new possibilities, and confidence in applying for positions.

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

Lector: For an end to the coronavirus pandemic: that God's healing love may drive the virus away and lead all who are working on treatments and vaccines to success.

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

Presider: For our beloved deceased; that they may enter into the eternal joys 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.