

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2020

Presider Sacristy Lector

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

Lector: For the Church: that we may be a community that continues Christ's mission of evangelizing and reconciling those who are estranged.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For a healing of the nations: that world leaders may decrease threats and find alternatives to violence in resolving disputes.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For healing of racial injustice: that Christians may work to restore relationships in communities, promote the dignity of each individual, and advocate for the truth about biased structures and policies.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who are affected by wildfires: that God may heal their pain, strengthen them with hope, and give them peace.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For public safety and relief workers: that God will protect them from harm, give them the strength to fulfill their duties, and help them offer support and hope to those in crisis.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who labor so that others may have the necessities of life, food on their tables, and live in safety: that God may renew their energy and help them to use their gifts and talents fully.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For an end to the coronavirus pandemic: that the Spirit will bring healing to those who are ill, protection for those who are vulnerable, and inspiration to those working on a cure or a vaccine.
We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: For all who have died: that God may fill them with new life in Heaven and give consolation and peace to those who grieve them. (especially: Joy Cassidy, Cara Bradbury, _____) 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.