

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2020

Presider Sacristy Lector

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

Lector: For the Church: that we who are God's people, both in life and in death, may faithfully show God's love, mercy, and forgiveness through our words and deeds.

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

Lector: For educators: that God may give them wisdom and insight as they strive to keep staff and students safe and promote effective learning during these unprecedented times.

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

Lector: For firefighters and relief workers: that God may renew their strength, keep them safe in their service, and sustain their families and loved ones.

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

Lector: For the grace to forgive those who have wronged us: that in the midst of our pain and injury, we may find God and forgive others as He forgives us.

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

Lector: For nations and communities in strife: that God may open opportunities for dialogue in place of violence, bring an end to acts of injustice and racism, and help all to respect the value and dignity of each person.

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

Lector: For all who are suffering: that God may heal and strengthen those afflicted with coronavirus or other illnesses, bring comfort to the isolated, and give hope and peace to those most in need.

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

Presider: For those who have died, that God's loving and forgiving mercy may bring all to share in His heavenly kingdom.

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.**