### Prayer of the Faithful

# 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Presider

God calls us to be a holy people, open to the cries of the poor and the needy. Let us pray in confidence to God, whose saving grace is for all.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all church leaders. May the Spirit of Jesus lead them to proclaim and witness the love he showed towards all God’s people.

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of our country, both local and federal. May they be given wisdom to guide and boldness to lead.

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We pray for those who are preparing for marriage and for those who direct them in their preparation. May they grow in human love and come to understand the strength and power of God’s love as they share in both.

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We pray for our faith community. May the people be empowered by the Spirit, sharing their gifts and talents for the good of the parish and the wider community.

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We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.   
We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be gathered into the kingdom by God, who first called them by name.

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### Presider

God of light and love, hear us in our prayer. Show us your compassion and mercy, which come to us through Christ, our Lord.   
**Amen.**