### Prayer of the Faithful

# 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Presider

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

### Reader

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

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

We pray for the local and federal leaders of our country. 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 this preparation. May they grow in human love and understand the strength and power of God’s love as they experience both.

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We pray for our faith community. May the Spirit empower the people to share their gifts and talents for the good of the parish and the wider community.

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We pray for all who are sick in our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.
We pray for those who have died recently and for 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.**