### Prayer of the Faithful

# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Presider

God gives us wisdom through the Spirit. May this Holy Spirit guide us in our prayers today on behalf of all who are in need.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis. May he continue to inspire the Church to show the world fidelity to Christ in taking up the cross with him.

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

We pray for all the leaders of our world. May they learn to trust in Wisdom rather than their own limited personal resources.

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

On this National Child Protection Sunday, we pray for all children. May we work together to create safe environments for them, guarding them against all harm.

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

We pray for our faith community. May we be strengthened in carrying the crosses of our lives as we live out our baptism.

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick of our parish and for those who care for them. We pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they share fully in the glory of God’s promise.

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

### Presider

Merciful God, in your goodness, hear our prayers. Fill us with your kindness so that we may shout with joy and gladness all our days. We offer our prayers to you through Christ our Lord.   
**Amen.**