### Prayer of the Faithful

# 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Presider

The Word of God counsels us not to lose heart when we are discouraged. We come as sons and daughters before our loving God to make intercession for all who seek help in difficult times.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and the bishops of our Church. May the Holy Spirit lead the Church to be a strong witness to the unity of God’s plan for the world.

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

We pray for the people of our world whose lives have been devastated by natural or human-made disasters. May they be supported to rebuild their lives and communities.

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

On this Refugee and Migrant Sunday, we pray for all people who were and are forced to leave their home countries, and for all people who have chosen to do so. May they find peace and acceptance in our land as they strive to make new lives for themselves.

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

We pray for our faith community as we gather to worship God in the celebration of the Eucharist. May our community continue being the expression of our faith as we strive to remain faithful to the Gospel.

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We pray for all who are ill in 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 share fully in the glory of God’s promise.

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

### Presider

Gracious God and Father, steadfast in your kindness towards us, hear our prayers and let our joy be full. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
**Amen.**