### Prayer of the Faithful

# 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Presider

God gives us wisdom through the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit guide us as we pray today for all who are in need.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis. May he continue inspiring the Church to demonstrate faith in Christ by embracing the cross with Jesus.

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

We pray for all our world leaders. May they learn to trust 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 and guard them against all harm.

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

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

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick in our parish and for all who care for them.   
We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries we remember 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 for all our days. We offer our prayers to you through Christ, our Lord.   
**Amen.**