

**Prayer of the Faithful
January 15 – 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Presider: Knowing that God has bestowed individually upon each of us unique gifts, we offer our prayers with grateful hearts.

Lector:

For the church, as we engage in the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity beginning this Tuesday, that, adorned by one Spirit with a variety of gifts, all Christian denominations and traditions may celebrate diversity and strive for unity, we pray...

As our country observes the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, may we continue to be energized by his highest ideals, strive to realize his dream, and work diligently to eliminate racism, white supremacy, bigotry and prejudice in all its forms, we pray...

For the victims of the slavery that comes from human trafficking, may they find a path to healing through our support and concern and may their perpetrators be brought to justice so that such trafficking may finally come to an end, we pray...

For dignity of all people from womb to tomb, may the truth of our individual gifted uniqueness inspire us to protect one another and the planet we share, we pray...

For our catechumens and candidates, that they come to experience the variety of the Spirit's gifts at work in their lives, we pray...

For the sick, among them those suffering from Covid19 and those recommended to us for prayer, may they know the compassion of Jesus, filling them with consolation and joy, we pray...

For our beloved dead, among them Marie Maffeo Spence, Kenneth O'Grady, Donald Foley, Richard Jhosie, Yolanda Brooks, Katherine T. Wilson, and Maribel Alvarado, may they shine at the wedding feast of the new, eternal Jerusalem as a glorious crown, a royal diadem in the hand of our God, we pray...

Presider: Loving God, Father, Son and Spirit, hear our prayers and help each of us to use our unique gifts to build your Kingdom both now and forever. AMEN.