

Prayers of the Faithful  
January 19 - 20, 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Presider:** Knowing that God has gifted us in the Spirit with individually unique gifts, we offer our prayers with grateful hearts.

**Lector:**

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

For the success of World Youth Day beginning this Tuesday in Panama, may this gathering deepen the baptismal commitment of its participants so that they may become a source of inspiration for the entire People of God, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the victims of clergy sexual abuse, may know the healing power of God through our Church's continued transparency, apology, care, and concern, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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, bigotry and prejudice in all its forms, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the unemployed, those effected by the Government shutdown and all those experiencing economic or social hardship, may their burdens soon be lightened, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

As we mark this week the 46<sup>th</sup> year of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision, may our nation see the elimination of abortion by coming to fully appreciate and embrace the theme of this year's March for Life: Unique from Day One, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our catechumens and candidates, that they come to experience the variety of the Spirit's gifts at work in their lives, God who delights in us, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in our community who have been recommended to us for prayer, may they know the compassion of Jesus, filling them with consolation and joy, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our beloved dead, among them Donald P. Murphy, Anne E. Sullivan, James Joseph Kennedy, Michael McCormack, Luis Carillo, Mary MacLellan, and Mary Daffarra, may they shine at the wedding feast of the new, eternal Jerusalem as a crown in the hand of our God, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Presider:** Loving God, Father, Son and Spirit, hear our prayers and help us to use the unique gifts you have bestowed on us to build your Kingdom both now and forever. **AMEN.**