

Prayers of the Faithful
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 15 - 16, 20120

Presider: Being reminded today by St. Paul that God's gifts and call are irrevocable, we confidently present our prayers and petitions.

Lector:

For the Church, may we always mediate God's mercy and work towards unity, harmony and peace among all of God's people, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all peoples of the world, may labeling and exclusion of one another as foreigners, yield to rejoicing in one as sisters and brothers, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our nation, may uncivil discourse be replaced by respectful dialogue, and may all forms of bigotry and racism be replaced by mutual understanding, compassion and love, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For an end to the continued spread of the current global coronavirus pandemic, may we strive to do all we can to contain the spread of this virus, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Archdiocese of Boston, our St. Ignatius parish community and all dioceses and parishes in our country and throughout the world, may we continue to develop into inclusive, welcoming, joyful houses of prayer, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have asked for our prayers, among them those on the BC Prayer Wall and those we call to mind now [**pause**], may Jesus calm their fears and open them to his healing power, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all of our beloved dead, among them James Mahoney, those deceased on the BC Prayer Wall, and those we call to mind now [**pause**], may Christ reach out, take their hands and lead them safely home, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: Loving God may we always rely on your call and irrevocable gifts to be instruments of peace, justice, mercy and reconciliation in our world through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**