

Prayers of the Faithful

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17–18, 2019

Presider: Lord Jesus, through faith you help us to see you in the midst of our dread, division, and despair. We therefore bring our needs before you, confident that you hear them in love and mercy.

Lector:

That the Church will have the courage and strength of Jeremiah and Jesus to proclaim with power and conviction justice for all peoples, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That even in the midst of struggle and disappointment with the institutional Church, Catholics may never grow weary or lose heart, but rather keep their eyes fixed on Jesus, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That rich nations may come to the aid of poorer nations, we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our nation's leaders may enact better laws to protect innocent persons from gun violence, we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our nation finds the grace to treat every person from womb to tomb regardless of race, creed, color or nation of origin with dignity and respect, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our St. Ignatius parish community may stand up against racism, stand with immigrants, refugees and those seeking asylum, and stand for the protection of our global environment, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the sick and those who have asked for our prayers may experience, through their caregivers God comforting them in their afflictions, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those who have died and completed the race, among them William Connors, Damien Amato, Les Brooks, Pasquale Saccone, and George Hagen, may they be accepted into the great cloud of witnesses, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: Lord Jesus, you are the leader and protector of our faith, hear our prayers and help us with your grace to persevere in running the race and fighting the good fight with our eyes fixed upon you who live and reign forever and ever. **AMEN.**