Prayer
Prayers of the Faithful
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22 - 23, 2018

Presider: Let us turn to our God to ask rightly for what we truly need and desire.

Lector:  
For the Church, may we open ourselves to the wisdom from above to grow more fully as a community of disciples that are pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, we pray…Lord hear our prayer.

For Church leaders may they renounce any hint of the riches and power of clericalism, becoming true servant-leaders in word and deed, working diligently to effect pastoral and structural reform, we pray… Lord hear our prayer.

For the peoples of the world during this Season of Creation, may we work together to care for the earth, our common home, and protect the web of life it shelters, we pray…Lord hear our prayer.

For the children of the world, may we receive them in Jesus’s name and pledge ourselves to providing a safe, protective, just and secure haven for them, we pray… Lord hear our prayer.

For those who are dealing with the aftermath of hurricane Florence and the Merrimack Valley disaster, may our prayers and good works help them to rebuild their lives, we pray…Lord hear our prayer.

For our St. Ignatius parish community, as we begin another year of Faith Formation this weekend, may the children and catechists be supported by our prayers and encouraged by our desire to imitate the teaching and example of Jesus, who calls us to be the servant of all, we pray…Lord hear our prayer.

For all those recommended to us for prayer, among them those we quietly call to mind now [Pause], may they experience the healing power of Christ through our good works of care and concern for them, we pray…Lord hear our prayer.

For all our beloved dead, among them, Paula Buckley, Shamantaha Xavier, Dorothy Kaplan McCarty, Margaret Alley, and Betty Jane O'Toole, may they rise again with Christ to the joy of eternal life, we pray…Lord hear our prayer.

Presider: Loving God, help us to always ask rightly for that which we need so that we may receive your saving help in and through Christ our Lord. AMEN.