

Prayers of the Faithful  
February 2 - 3, 2019  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Presider:** Ever striving eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts, we present our prayers and petitions.

**Lector:**

For the church, may we recognize the prophets among us who challenge us to show in word and deed the type of love Paul describes in our second reading today, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the world, may God raise up prophets in every land, placing on their lips the challenging words of justice, truth and peace, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our country, may we always adhere to Paul's requirements for love by not seeking only our own interests, but the interests of those throughout the world who need refuge, safety and economic aid, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all of God's creation, that we may be creatures who love and protect our planet, its inhabitants and those yet to be born, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our St. Ignatius parish community, may we ever strive for the higher gifts, finding common ground in our mutual commitment to self-sacrificing love, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our catechumens and candidates, may they grow in a faith that expresses itself in deeds of loving service within and beyond the community, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in our community who have been recommended to us for prayer, among them Mary Jo Murnane, may they receive the graces and blessings they need, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our beloved dead, among them, Tom & Mary Shields, Elinor C., John "Bud" & Helen Ryan, Yolanda Brooks & Leslie Brooks Pike, John Cashman & Jim Murphy, and Mary Dafarra, may they know God fully and see God face to face, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Presider (Raise Crossed Candles)**

Since today is the day we commemorate the tradition of St. Blaise we pray:  
Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**