

Intercessions

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 31, 2021

Cantor: Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the church in increasing political and pastoral disarray: that it may rediscover its identity in the ministry of Jesus. *We pray,*
- For all individuals, communities and institutions called to confront the dark forces of evil in violence, war, poverty, or inequality. *We pray,*
- For those who have separated Christianity from the call to minister to those in need, or who look to the Gospel for self-aggrandizement or personal prosperity. *We pray,*
- For those suffering from the dark forces of physical or mental illness, poverty or addiction, depression or despair; and for those who work to assist and heal them. *We pray,*
- For our nation, as we struggle with radically different views about our identity, our values and our priorities; and for those who must lead us through this struggle. *We pray,*
- For all of us in this community, as we remain separated during this pandemic; for the sick and lonely, the dying and the grieving among us; and for those depending on our ministries in this sacred corner of the city and beyond. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns; and for the ability to confront evil wherever we may find it (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*