

**Intercessions**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 22, 2021**

**Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the Church: that we may always be open to hearing and following the words of eternal life, wherever they may lead us. *We pray,*
- For those about to make commitments to marriage; for those whose marriages are strained or broken; and for children in families where there is discord. For the strength and healing of all families. *We pray,*
- For all those returning to school during this pandemic: for teachers, administrators and parents charged with difficult choices regarding Covid safety; and for those without access to a good education. *We pray,*
- For a speedy closing to the Afghan war; the safe removal of all who must leave the country; and the safety of Muslims living here and throughout the world. *We pray,*
- For those who have made disappointing or bad choices; for their courage to begin again and trust new possibilities and for grace to avoid judging them. *We pray,*
- For those among us who are sick, dying, grieving, or in any kind of need; and for those whose many needs we seek to serve through our parish ministries. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns and for the humility to know where and how we are called to serve (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*

