

Intercessions
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 19, 2021

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the church: That we may be a community striving not to be “first,” but to understand that servanthood may call us to be last. *We pray,*
- For a recognition of all that urges us to create war: for those in the path of war; those who live in violent neighborhoods or abusive families; those responsible for political decisions that cause war or bring about peace. *We pray,*
- For those who are driven to be “first”, who are influenced by the American desire for success, greatness, recognition or accomplishment. *We pray,*
- For those struggling in their spiritual lives: those beset by doubt or anxiety; those trying to understand God’s care when life is difficult and so many are suffering. *We pray,*
- For those who form others in the faith: teachers, counselors and catechists; pastors and parents; writers and publishers. For all who lead others to God, especially in our own faith formation efforts. *We pray,*
- For all among us in any kind of pain or need; for all those for whom life is difficult; and for those we are called to serve through our parish ministries or our personal care. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns and for courage to be “last”, when we may prefer to be “first” (*Pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*

