

**Intercessions**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 17, 2021**

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

- For the church: that it may-- in visible, credible and humble ways-- stand in solidarity with and among those who suffer. *We pray,*
- For our personal struggles with suffering and servanthood: that we may discern which suffering to diminish and which to embrace. *We pray,*
- For our culture and our economy that are obsessed with avoiding or eliminating suffering. *We pray,*
- On this Missionary Sunday, that the church may embrace its missionary work with deep respect for those whose faith is both different and valid. *We pray,*
- For those serving the suffering in this time of Covid: for doctors, nurses and all health care professionals who are themselves exhausted and suffering. *We pray,*
- For all in this community who are suffering in body, soul or spirit; and for our efforts to stand with and serve those in need, wherever they are. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns and for the grace to appreciate that suffering can be sacred (*Pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*