Intercessions 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 24, 2021

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the church—especially our decision makers-- that we may have eyes to see the critical needs of the world and how we can respond to them. *We pray*,
- For our country's decision makers: that they may have eyes to see beyond their own personal, political and financial interests. *We pray*,
- For the humility and courage to explore how our fears, attitudes and privilege prevent us from seeing the suffering of others. *We pray*,
- For those who see suffering, but do not respond to it—who judge rather than support those in duress. *We pray*,
- For the physically blind; those who struggle with vision problems; and all who work to help us see both the pain and the beauty of our world. *We pray*,
- For anyone in this community who is suffering in any way—especially those whose needs we may not know; and for those whose suffering we seek to alleviate through our parish ministries. *We pray*,
- We pray now for our own needs and for the grace to see what must, but may not want to see (Pause). For all these things, we pray,