

Intercessions

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 30, 2022

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.

- For all of us in the church facing the hard reality of witnessing to the gospel and its call to change, to love, and to serve “the other.” *We pray,*
- For all contemporary prophets who challenge the status quo in politics, religion, or culture, and for those afraid to hear or respond to them. *We pray,*
- For all in this country who are treated as outsiders: for the poor and poorly educated, refugees and the imprisoned, those struggling with mental illness or physical disabilities; for those who are racially or ethnically different. *We pray,*
- For those among us facing unwanted changes in work or health, finances or relationships, citizen status or safety. *We pray.*
- For the courage to examine the truth about ourselves...to assess our own measure of love toward those who sound different, think differently, vote differently. *We pray,*
- For all in this community who are suffering or in any kind of need; for our diocesan church as it makes decisions that affect parish identities and missions; and for those we are called to love and serve through our parish ministries. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own needs and for the courage to be agents of love—especially to those who are different from us (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*

