

Intercessions

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 20, 2022

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.

- For all baptized Christians: that we may witness to an alternate way of living and loving in a negative, defensive world. *We pray,*
- For greater respect, cooperation and collaboration in both our national politics and our international relations; and for those charged with influencing what happens. *We pray.*
- For attitudes and policies that promote diplomacy over war, justice over oppression, restoration over retribution, and equality over dominance. *We pray,*
- For those we consider our enemies, those who hate or hurt us, those who have significantly different views or values, and those who simply irritate us. For the courage to listen to them with open hearts and minds. *We pray,*
- For the determination to confront injustice without condemning others and the humility to acknowledge our own negativity and sinfulness. *We pray,*
- For all in this community in any kind of pain or need; and for those whose suffering we attempt to ease through our ministries in this corner of the city and beyond. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns and for the ability to respond to others in love, forgiveness, kindness and generosity (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*

