

Intercessions

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 27, 2022

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the whole church and for church leaders responsible for addressing current critical issues in the church and in the world; for humility and creativity in this crucial task. *We pray,*
- For wisdom and courage among leaders who must confront the rise of autocracy here and across the world; and for those suffering from the actions of autocrats, especially in Ukraine. *We pray,*
- For the courage to confront those in power—whoever they are, and whatever the cost--whose speech and actions do not reflect honesty, justice or integrity. *We pray,*
- For the willingness to explore our own integrity and the congruence of our speech and our actions. For the courage to ask whether we are the Christians we profess to be. *We pray,*
- For hearts and minds open to personal renewal as we prepare for the season of Lent. *We pray,*
- For all in this community in any kind of pain or need; for those of us reluctant to engage in confrontation; and for those whose suffering we attempt to ease through our ministries in this sacred corner of the city and beyond. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns and for the ability to engage in life's difficult challenges (*Pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*