

**Intercessions**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—June 26, 2022**

**Cantor: Lord, hear our prayer**

- For the church—that it may take leadership in helping us to discern the meaning and exercise of freedom in **all** the key issues of our lives. *We pray,*
- For the courage to examine what love of neighbor means, when we are called to love those with whom we disagree, those we fear, or those who have hurt us. *We pray,*
- For those who use freedom for selfish ends--to “devour” others; and for the courage to confront and engage with them. *We pray,*
- For wisdom in our national debate over the freedom to bear arms; and for those who justify—on religious principles--their manufacturing, sale or use of weapons. *We pray,*
- For those who inspire us by using their freedom for the common good at great personal cost; and those who encourage us and support us in smallest endeavors. *We pray,*
- For those among us suffering from illness, poverty, depression, or worry; for those who lack personal freedom; and for those we seek to serve in this sacred corner of the city and beyond. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own needs, and for the desire and courage to appropriately love the most difficult people in our lives (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray.*