

**Intercessions**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 31, 2022**

**Cantor: Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the church, in its own need for prayer and renewal; and for those—ordained or lay—who will lead us, by prayer and action, into an unknown future. *We pray,*
- For those who do not know how to pray, or who doubt the power of prayer: the imprisoned or endangered, the sick or lonely, the discouraged or depressed. *We pray,*
- For the awareness that the answer to prayer often requires action on our part; and for those who use prayer as a substitute for problem-solving and change. *We pray,*
- For those who believe that God prefers particular languages, words or postures; for openness to prayer styles different from our own; and for the awareness that silence can be prayer. *We pray,*
- For those called to lead this community in prayer; and for parents and others who are teaching their children to pray. *We pray,*
- For all in this community who need someone to pray for them; for the awareness that we might be the answer to prayer for someone in need; and for those whose prayers we answer through our parish ministries. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns; and for gratitude that prayer connects us not only to God, but to one another (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray.*