

Intercessions

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 21, 2022

Cantor: Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the church: that we may---despite our limitations-- present the face of God's loving invitation and mercy to the whole world. *We pray,*
- For those in church leadership who distort the message of Jesus through abuse, arrogance or pride. For all who distort the Gospel through lack of humility. *We pray,*
- For those who do not know the good news of God's mercy because of our attitudes or behavior. *We pray,*
- For the strength to do what we are called to do, when the work becomes demanding, painful, even frightening. *We pray,*
- That a commitment to living the Gospel might teach us if—and how—we can influence an increasingly polarized, dangerous, political environment. *We pray.*
- For all in this community in any kind of pain or need: for those of us struggling with our Christian commitment; and for those we are called to serve day by day, hour by hour. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns; and for the courage to be viable signs of Christ's presence, wherever we are (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray.*