

Intercessions

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 5, 2023

Cantor: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer; God of mercy, hear our prayer.

- For the Church: that its words and actions may be a shining light for justice in this time of worldwide social unrest. *We pray,*
- For America--as we celebrate Black History Month—and still endure injustices--from the false narrative about Critical Race Theory in our schools to the ongoing brutality against people of color. *We pray,*
- For those who work to be light by promoting world peace or social, economic and environmental justice; by caring for the well-being of others; or by creating beauty. *We pray,*
- For those whose light has been diminished or eliminated because of the color of their skin, their language, their country of origin or their politics. *We pray,*
- For the ability to maintain our zest for peace and justice caring and service, when we are overworked, judged, worried, or doubtful. *We pray,*
- For those on the verge of giving up; for those among us most in need; and for those to whom we seek to bring light through our parish ministries. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own needs, and for the grace to keep going when progress is slow (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*