

**Intercessions**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 2, 2023**

**Cantor: Hear our prayer hear our prayer....**

- For the whole church and for all believers who have chosen to respond to Jesus' call throughout uncertain times. *We pray,*
- For those for whom the cross is a frightening or mixed message; and for those struggling honestly to deal with different interpretations of the Gospel. *We pray,*
- For those who offer their lives or their means for others: for members of law enforcement and the military; first responders and Good Samaritans; philanthropists and ordinary generous people. *We pray,*
- For our brothers and sisters of other faith traditions who are under assault, especially Jews and Muslims; and for all who suffer because they are perceived as "other." *We pray,*
- For our divided nation as we celebrate Independence Day; and for those committed to the protection of democracy. *We pray,*
- For this community's humble commitment to follow Christ; for those among us in any kind of need; and for those we seek to serve in this sacred corner of the city and beyond. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns; and for courage when we are afraid, confidence when we are doubtful, strength when we are weary, and wisdom when we are confused (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*

