

Intercessions
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 20, 2023

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

- For the church, that we may proclaim openly and fearlessly our embrace of and support for **all** people as worthy of God's love. *We pray,*
- For the political and moral will to address the long overdue and pervasive issue of refugees fleeing to and living in this country. And for those who endure enormous risks to get here. *We pray,*
- For the conversion of those who fear or demean anyone who is different, those who promote conspiracy theories, and those who espouse racism, sexism, or any other bias. *We pray,*
- For the humility to examine our own personal barriers to inclusivity...to acknowledge who we would consider unworthy of God's mercy. *We pray,*
- For a serious examination of the political "America first" policy. *We pray,*
- For those who have never felt seen or lovingly regarded; for anyone who is suffering or overlooked in this community; and for those we are able to serve in this sacred corner of the city and beyond. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns; and we ask for the power to stand with those considered unworthy by others (*Pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*