

**Intercessions**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 27, 2023**

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

- For all those called to exercise authority in the Church: That they may serve others in love—the greatest authority of all. *We pray,*
- For those who abuse authority or exercise it irresponsibly; for justice where justice is called for; and for the defeat of authoritarianism in all its forms. *We pray,*
- For courage among and support for those called to challenge authority that is not exercised in love or justice; for all who have been or are currently martyrs in any way to this cause. *We pray,*
- For all who suffer because of those in authority—whether in families or relationships, in the church, in government or in any institution. *We pray,*
- For those of us who struggle with the question of who Jesus is...or who he is for us. *We pray,*
- For all in this community in any kind of need; for those called to exercise loving authority on our behalf; and for those we love and seek to serve in this sacred corner of the city and beyond. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns; and for the grace to live as responsible Christians in whatever roles we have been given *(Pause). For all these things, we pray,*