Intercessions 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 10, 2023

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

- That the church--with its differences, disagreements, and limitations--may be a model of true healing and reconciliation. *We pray*,
- For those situations in which reconciliation seems impossible: wherever conflict leads to hatred, violence, or war; and for families in need of reconciliation. *We pray*,
- For those who use conflict for their own benefit; those unwilling to reconcile with others; and those who do not know how. *We pray*,
- For the resolution of the dangerous, destructive conflicts currently embedded in our national politics. *We pray*,
- For the will to develop a humane, compassionate system of criminal justice in America—the home of the world's largest population of incarcerated people. *We pray*,
- For this community and our leaders; for those among us who are suffering, grieving, or in any kind of need; for those in need of reconciliation; and for those we are called to continue to serve through our individual and parish ministries. *We pray*,
- We pray now for our own concerns; and for the grace to be peacemakers in a world in need of healing *(Pause)*. *For all these things, we pray,*