Intercessions 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 24, 2023

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

- For the whole church: That it may boldly acknowledge and espouse the equality and need for forgiveness of <u>all</u> people without expectations of their "worthiness." *We pray*,
- For those who have never experienced the generosity of others or who feel unworthy of God's love and generosity. *We pray*,
- For those who believe that others must <u>earn</u> respect, kindness or generosity—who do not understand that generosity and forgiveness are more encompassing than justice. *We pray*,
- For the ability to appreciate that we—or anyone—can come to greater faith, insight, or new behaviors at any point in our lives. *We pray*,
- For truly creative solutions to the issue of how to support the existence of small parishes in our inner city. *We pray*,
- For all in this community who are in need of love and compassion, especially sick, the dying, the grieving, and those with limited resources; and for those we support--without expectations--through our individual and parish ministries. *We pray*,
- We pray now for our own needs; and ask for hearts that are open and generous toward all people (pause). For all these things, we pray,