

Intercessions
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 19, 2025

Cantor: Hear our prayer; hear our prayer; Lord of Mercy, hear our prayer.

- For the church: That it may recognize and utilize the Spirit-given gifts of *all* its members. *We pray,*
- For those who refuse to remain silent—especially in our current political environment--who through words and actions proclaim peace and justice as God’s work. *We pray,*
- For those of us who are unsure of what spiritual gifts we have been given or who lack the courage to exercise them. *We pray,*
- For the honesty to examine our own attitudes and actions toward others, as we are about to celebrate Martin Luther King Day. *We pray,*
- For the courage to actively resist the growth of white supremacy and the diminishment of efforts toward diversity, equality and inclusion in America. *We pray,*
- For those among us who are suffering or in any kind of need; and for the growth and success of our ministries, which depend upon the generous use of our unique, but different gifts. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own needs and for the grace to exercise with gratitude the gifts that are ours (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*