PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL September 28-29, Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

For the church, that our open and welcoming church communities may invite those who have felt rejected in the past, to return to the fold. **Holy Spirit who leads us, we pray**.

For our world, that each of us will search out ways to influence our government leaders and corporate powers to protect and restore the earth – our common home. **Holy Spirit who leads us, we pray**.

Loving God, we pray for all those who are suffering from the anxiety and confusion of dementia, Alzheimer's and other related diseases. Bring them comfort and peace. We pray also for their caregivers. Give them patience, sufficient strength and your love as they care for their loved ones. **Holy Spirit who leads us, we pray**.

Because you sent your grace to all, give us the courage to understand that we, too, are here to serve. **Holy Spirit who leads us, we pray**.

Bestow your Spirit on us all so that we might become an integral part of your kingdom on earth. Holy Spirit who leads us, we pray.

For our local Church as we implement Partners in the Gospel, that we may find ways to steward our resources more effectively, caring for our planet and bringing the good news to our neighborhoods and communities. **Holy Spirit who leads us, we pray**.

We pray for all those who are sick including Jack Kehl, Judy Higgins, Jeanne Firth, Fredy Villa, Carol Heinicke, Liana Scott, Cheale Villa, Alberto Restrepo, Maurice Krings, and Gabrielle Clune. **Holy Spirit who leads us, we pray**.

We pray also for those who have died including Molly Malloy, Orlando Duque. Holy Spirit who leads us, we pray.

We lift up to you all of the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. Holy Spirit who leads us, we pray.