

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
September 7-8, Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

For your church, give us the courage to be part of your Reign of Love on earth. **Lord, who loves us, we pray.**

In today's divisive world, we pray passionately for peace. Help us to be the peace we pray for. **Lord, who loves us, we pray.**

We pray for our nation: kindle in us a hunger for truth, a respect for those who differ from us, and a willingness to pursue justice for all. **Lord, who loves us, we pray.**

May we remember that each and every one of us is your child, loved and cherished by you forever, and that we are, therefore, to love one another without partiality, bias, prejudice or precondition – acting with goodness and love to all in your name. Help us to do so. **Lord, who loves us, we pray.**

As you did for the deaf man in today's Gospel, open our ears and our hearts so that we can truly hear your Word, including in the voices of those in need. **Lord, who loves 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. **Lord, who loves 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, Wynne Pierret, Alberto Restrepo, Maurice Krings, and Gabrielle Clune. **Lord, who loves us, we pray.**

We pray also for those who have died including Catherine Mary Boze, Elio Wilmar Metz, Roberto Clovis Silva, Molly Malloy. **Lord, who loves us, we pray.**

We lift up to you all of the prayers of the St. Anne community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **Lord, who loves us, we pray.**