PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL October 19-20, Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

That our Church leaders and representatives as they gather in Rome for the Synod, that their hearts and minds may be open to one another, and to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. **God who knows and loves us, we pray**.

For those who have lost their homes or loved ones in the recent hurricanes, grant to them the gift of faith and trust in you – in your power and your mercy – as they begin to recover and rebuild.

God who knows and loves us, we pray.

Help us to truly understand that you became human to share in human suffering and weakness. **God who knows and loves us, we pray**.

Deepen our hearts to fully understand from Jesus' life that we are to love and serve others in your name, as he did. **God who knows and loves us, we pray**.

We thank you for all the many ways you have blessed this community from its beginning. May we all continue to serve you in faith as we go forth from this place to help heal the world in your name. **God who knows and loves us, we pray**.

For our local Church as we implement Partners in the Gospel, that we may bring synodality to life in our communities, listening to one another and to the Holy Spirit. **God who knows and loves us, we pray**.

We pray for all those who are sick including Judy Higgins, Jeanne Firth, Fredy Villa, Carol Heinicke, Liana Scott, Cheale Villa, Alberto Restrepo, Maurice Krings, Gabrielle Clune, Peggy Johnson and Mary Herington Smith. **God who knows and loves us, we pray**.

We pray also for those who have died including Lauren Thompson. God who knows and loves 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. **God who knows and loves us, we pray**.