

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
November 2-3, Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis: bestow on him the health, strength, and comfort he needs to persevere in his mission of leading your church toward the establishment of your Kingdom on earth. **God who first loved us, we pray.**

For our world, that we may show greater respect for your creation by protecting and caring for the earth and all its creatures. **God who first loved us, we pray.**

As we vote this week, we pray that our choices will be in service to the health of our state and nation and all of its citizens. **God who first loved us, we pray.**

Because you first loved us, may we choose every day to love you with all our heart and soul, and with all our strength. **God who first loved us, we pray.**

As you also instructed us, help us to love our neighbors as ourselves – including those who irritate us or who we perceive as our enemies. **God who first loved us, we pray.**

For all our faith communities, that as we implement Partners in the Gospel, we may learn to welcome each other as Christ has welcomed us. **God who first loved us, we pray.**

That we may have the courage to be good stewards of God's many blessings. **God who first loved 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 first loved us, we pray.**

We pray also for those who have died including. **God who first loved 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 first loved us, we pray.**