

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
February 22-23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Spirit, give us the grace and humility to follow Christ's direction to treat kindly those who hate, disdain or slander us, because we are all beloved children of our kind and merciful God. **Merciful God, we pray.**

For our world, that we may reverence your creation – protecting and caring for our earth and all her intricately-connected life forms. **Merciful God, we pray.**

We continue to pray for the well-being of our nation during these divisive times. Give us the courage to be your love in the world, to see Christ in all people, and to not judge them, but to love them as we love ourselves. **Merciful God, we pray.**

Since we are made in your likeness, help us to realize that we each have a purpose, spirit, and sacredness that is to be respected. May we therefore be merciful to one another. **Merciful God, we pray.**

We pray for those confirmed this weekend. May they continue to grow closer to you in their faith and be filled with the fire of your love. **Merciful God, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick. We pray also for all those who have died. May their souls rest in peace. **Merciful God, we pray.**

We lift up to you the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **Merciful God, we pray.**