

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
**March 1-2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For the Church: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your faithful servant, Francis. He is a gift of love to your church and to all the world – a beacon of your merciful love. **God of mercy, we pray.**

We pray for the aid workers who leave their homes to bring comfort and sustenance to families in crisis throughout the world, strengthen them in their mission and guide us to lend them our support. **God of mercy, we pray.**

May we be ever mindful that what we do and say reveals what is truly in our hearts. Help us, therefore, to fill our lives with humility, love, goodness, hope and mercy so that we can offer these things to others. **God of mercy, we pray.**

For the grace to see clearly our own faults and to bring them to you. **God of mercy, we pray.**

God of overflowing love, we pray for the households served by our St. Vincent de Paul Society. May these, our neighbors, find their deepest needs met with kindness, mercy and respect. **God of mercy, we pray.**

We pray for all those who are sick including Pope Francis, Harry Coveny and Suzanne Hammel. **God of mercy, we pray.**

We pray also for all those who have died including Ronaldo Tadeu Koch, George Anderson & Theresa Hebblethwaite. May their souls rest in peace. **God of mercy, we pray.**

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