PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL July 14 - 15, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

May we, the Church, the body of Christ on earth, always strive to truly love You with our whole hearts, minds and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. **God within us, we pray**.

We pray that participants in every conflict and in every corner of our earth may realize that You are listening to the cries of the poor and of the oppressed. **God within us, we pray**.

As we search for ways to help others, may we understand that what you require of us is already in our hearts and in every breath we take. **God within us, we pray**.

May we remember in Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan, that our neighbor – those whom we are to love – is <u>everyone</u>. **God within us**, **we pray**.

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick. Bring them strength and hope. **God within us, we pray**.

We also pray for those who have died. Grant them eternal rest. **God** within us, we pray.

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