

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
**July 19 - 20, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

For our Church, that we who serve may not be distracted by our many tasks but focus instead on our mission of proclaiming Your love to the world. **Lord, joyful refuge of all who serve, we pray.**

For the victims and survivors of this month's disastrous flash floods, that they may know that You are there – with them – bringing strength and hope. **Lord, joyful refuge of all who serve, we pray.**

As did Abraham and Sarah in today's reading, help us to take the time to be attentive to others in the joyous giving of ourselves. **Lord, joyful refuge of all who serve, we pray.**

May we, like Jesus, be open to helping all others including the isolated, the denigrated, and the despised. **Lord, joyful refuge of all who serve, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick. Bring them strength and hope. **Lord, joyful refuge of all who serve, we pray.**

We also pray for those who have died. Grant them eternal rest, and bring comfort to those left behind. **Lord, joyful refuge of all who serve, we pray.**

We lift up to you the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts *[brief pause]*. **Lord, joyful refuge of all who serve, we pray.**