

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
**July 26 - 27, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

That every celebration of the liturgy be filled with faith, hope and love drawing the community to You and to each other. **Merciful Father, we pray.**

For our world, that nations and communities may work together to end systems of oppression and injustice. **Merciful Father, we pray.**

We thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, leading and guiding us from within and giving us the power to live out our true human nature, as did Jesus. **Merciful Father, we pray.**

As we celebrate St. Anne's Feast Day, we pray for your blessings on the Body of Christ at the three churches in our parish family, including the blessing which is each and every person present at all three. **Merciful Father, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick. Bring them strength and hope. **Merciful Father, we pray.**

We also pray for those who have died. Grant them eternal rest, and bring comfort to those left behind. **Merciful Father, we pray.**

We lift up to you the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts *[brief pause]*. **Merciful Father, we pray.**