

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
**August 16 - 17, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

May your Church be ever vigilant so that the embrace of new technology will not inadvertently undermine established community teams. **Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, we pray.**

For the grace that those in positions of leadership may lead by the inspiration of God. **Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, we pray.**

For all your children suffering from extreme heat and accompanying fires, bless and console them with your courage, strength, and hope. **Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, we pray.**

For families divided by religious differences, may they find common love. **Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, we pray.**

We pray for all the young Catholic professionals as they share their experiences of participating in their workplaces out of faith, love, and integrity. **Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, we pray.**

Ignite the fires of your passion in our hearts so that we can be instruments of your kingdom of love on earth. **Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick. Bring them strength and hope. **Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, we pray.**

We also pray for those who have died. Grant them eternal rest, and bring comfort to those left behind. **Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, we pray.**

We lift up to you all the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts *[brief pause]*. **Holy Spirit, fire of heaven, we pray.**

