

Revised

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
August 23 - 24, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all the leaders of our church: may they be filled with the mercy and compassion of the Good Shepherd. **Lord who leads us, we pray.**

For the leaders of all nations, that they seek cooperation and work for peace, that they uplift those who are oppressed. **Lord who leads us, we pray.**

For the individuals of all nations, that they “strive to enter through the narrow gate” to receive the immeasurable joy of salvation. **Lord who leads us, we pray.**

So that our parish might help the oppressed, console the sorrowing, feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless, strengthen the weak and – in all that we do – share in the sacrifice and victory of the cross. **Lord who leads us, we pray.**

Help us to remember that everything in our lives is gift – even what we most fear – because you, Holy Spirit, can use even that for our growth and for the good of the world. **Lord who leads us, we pray.**

For all of us that we may be mindful of those around us who are suffering and reach out to them in love. **Lord who leads us, we pray.**

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

We also pray for those who have died. Grant them eternal rest, and bring comfort to those left behind. **Lord who leads us, 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]*. **Lord who leads us, we pray.**