

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
September 13 - 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

For the Church, that Pope Leo may know the comfort and strength of your powerful and loving presence as he shepherds your church. **Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray.**

For people of every nation and language, may they find freedom and peace through the victory of the cross. **Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray.**

Lord Jesus Christ, through your suffering on the Cross, grant us the strength to bear our own crosses without fear or dread. Give us the grace to follow you. **Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray.**

For all your children, may we, as brothers and sisters, praise you for the wondrous beauty and variety found in all people and races. **Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray.**

As you ministered to the poor, the ill, the excluded, and those without dignity in life, help us to be your voice, your hands, your caring as we follow where you lead. **Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray.**

May your cross open us to the enormity of your love for each of us, in your ultimate act of self-giving -- death on the cross. **Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick. Bring them strength and hope. **Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray.**

We also pray for those who have died including Estelita Bigornia and Della Maricich [*Mer-a sech*]. Grant them eternal rest, and bring comfort to those left behind. **Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray.**

We lift up to you all the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray.**