

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
September 20 - 21, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For your Church: Bishops, Priests and Deacons, Religious, Lay Ministers and the Faithful – may we demonstrate the power of your saving Word through the holiness of our lives. **Lord of compassion, we pray.**

For our world: raise up for us in every nation, wise and fearless leaders who will guide their people away from fear and hate and towards forgiveness, trust and community. **Lord of compassion, we pray.**

For an end to war, hunger, disease and all suffering, that those “who sow in tears may reap with shouts of joy,” and that the peoples of all nations may serve God in freedom of heart. **Lord of compassion, we pray.**

During this National Migration Week we pray for all migrants. We pray especially for those who cannot see a home in the days ahead, and who dwell in daily insecurity. May we hold compassion for them in our hearts, and may we be ever moved to work harder for justice. **Lord of compassion, we pray.**

Help us to live in solidarity with one another, to seek justice for those who are persecuted and comfort for those who are suffering. **Lord of compassion, we pray.**

Give us the grace to value – not money, power or position – but rather your love for each of us. **Lord of compassion, we pray.**

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

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

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