

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
September 6 - 7, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

May we, your church, be advocates *for justice* for your children who are under siege in our nation and throughout the world. **God who loves us, we pray.**

Creator God, as we learn more and more how interconnected and interdependent are the life forms on this earth, may we come to understand that we Your children here on earth are also interconnected and interdependent as human beings. **God who loves us, we pray.**

That developing countries may not lose sight of Your will for human happiness in a quest for prosperity. **God who loves us, we pray.**

For times of tribulation, may we always call upon the Lord, for in all ages, the Lord has been our refuge. **God who loves us, we pray.**

Give us the courage we need to release our tight grip on our own lives and instead, trust You in all things and not be afraid of the results. **God who loves us, we pray.**

[Prayer for St. Anne's]

God of overflowing love, we pray for those in need we humbly serve through our St. Vincent de Paul Society. May these, our neighbors, find their deepest needs met with kindness, mercy and respect. **God who loves us, we pray.**

[Alternate Prayer for Sacred Heart and Fatima]

God of overflowing love, we pray for those in need we humbly serve in many ways. May these, our neighbors, find their deepest needs met with kindness, mercy and respect. **God who loves us, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick including _____. Bring them strength and hope. **God who loves us, we pray.**

We also pray for those who have died including _____. Grant them eternal rest, and bring comfort to those left behind. **God who loves us, we pray.**

We lift up to you all the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **God who loves us, we pray.**