

**Prayer of the Faithful
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4 – 5, 2021**

Presider: Knowing that our God comes to save us, we offer our prayers and petitions with humble confidence.

Lector:

That our Church may be instruments of Christ's compassion and healing, we pray...

That our Church's leaders, may renounce any hint of the riches and power of clericalism and open themselves to real and lasting pastoral and structural reform, we pray...

On this Labor Day weekend, we pray for those seeking work and for all workers: may they receive a just wage along with adequate health care, we pray...

As we observe the 20th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11th this coming Saturday, may our prayers comfort those who mourn their relatives and friends lost from these attacks, and may peoples of every nation strive to live together in harmony and peace so that all forms of terrorism will vanish from our world, we pray...

That our collective and individual prayers as a parish community during this year's Season of Creation may help to raise awareness in us and the entire global family about the urgency to address the ecological crisis that Pope Francis highlighted in his encyclical, *Laudato Si, On the Care of our Common Home*, we pray...

For the people of Haiti and Afghanistan, for those seeking asylum, for those suffering from natural disasters, and for those in need of our prayers among them, Keishla Betancourt, we pray...

For all our beloved dead, among them, Geraldine Gerson, Elizabeth Danner, Jorge Alfonzo, Graciela Madrid, Charlotte and Harry Doyle, Sr., Lilia Preciado, and Dorothy McCormick may they inherit the kingdom promised to those who love God, we pray...

Presider: Loving God, open our ears to hear the cries of the poor and free our tongues to speak on their behalf in and through Christ our Lord. AMEN.