

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE C
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: If we are faithful to Christ, we will not always be popular. May this mystery of the tension and struggle of the kingdom help to form our intentions today.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. For courageous leadership in the Church, especially Pope Francis and our Bishop Paul, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For statesmen and politicians who value courage and integrity, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For conversion of heart to those who resort to terrorism and other forms of violence, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For families divided by religious differences, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For the perfection and peace of our dead, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: We turn to you in our need, gentle Father. Grant the prayers offered in words and the prayers hidden in our hearts, through Christ our Lord. Amen.