

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CYCLE A

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: By self-denial we take up the cross each day, walking in the footsteps of our Master. Let us pray for others, and so cast off the selfishness which keeps us apart from God.

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

1. For Pope Francis, Bishop Paul, and all Bishops who carry the cross of pastoral care and responsibility. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For leaders in government and industry who use greed and power to dominate, that they may have a change of heart and instead act out of compassion for those entrusted to their oversight. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For each and everyone of us, that we will thoughtfully and generously think of the less fortunate and help them in a Christ-like spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For those who are sick and weighed down by physical disabilities, that God may sustain them and their care-givers and so help them bear their cross with dignity. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For the Lord's providential care to save our world from the ravages of global-warming and climate change and so ensure for one and all a safe environment and a secure future. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, receive the prayers of a pilgrim people, seeking to discover your will, by walking in the footsteps of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Response: *Amen.*