

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

CYCLE A

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: By his grace, Christ has gathered us in his name. Our prayer will be granted by our Father in heaven, for we know that Jesus is here in our midst.

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

1. That the members of the universal Church which is led by Pope Francis may walk together in unity. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That leaders of nations may respect human rights and reject repression and torture. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That people whose actions separate them from the Church may be reconciled. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That we may be just and loving as we live out the commandments of God here in St. Joseph's community. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That the dead may be cleansed and prepared for eternal unity with Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Lord God, our Father, grant the prayers of your people. We join them to the intercession of Jesus in our midst, our brother, priest, and king, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Response: *Amen.*