

General Intercessions  
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time  
January 22 and 23, 2022

*Presider:* My friends, we are called to bring new life to God's people as sisters and brothers in Christ. We offer our prayers for a deeper respect for all life.

*Leader:* For Catholics throughout the world: may the Holy Spirit help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living. We pray.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For all who are vulnerable – unborn children, persons with disabilities, the poor, the elderly, the refugee and the migrant, and those suffering from illness: may they be respected and cared for according to their God-given dignity. We pray.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For civil authority: may God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend human life in all its stages. We pray.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For those facing a terminal illness: may they be comforted by the support of family, friends, and the local community. We pray.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For married couples considering adoption: may the Holy Spirit grant peace and clarity as they seek the will of God. We pray.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For Pax Christi Catholic Community: may the Holy Spirit guide us in finding a new Director of Care and Support; for the intentions placed in our prayer basket; and a continuous discernment for new ways to engage and embrace our young people. We pray.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For people with disabilities: may those around them recognize that every person is a child of God and treat them accordingly. We pray.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who have died. We pray.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: God, who rejoices in your people, we pray that we may be equal to the deep love you have always bestowed on us. Help us to use the gifts you give us for the benefit of our community and all your beloved people and strengthen us when we falter. We pray this through Christ, our Lord.

**ALL: Amen**