PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL September 5, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Church: in times of crisis and fear, help us to be messengers of hope, trusting in you O Mighty One, for we are your people and you are our God. Lord, who loves us all, we pray.

For the world: open the hearts of all people to welcome and support homeless, hungry and bereft refugees. Lord, who loves us all, we pray.

We ask special blessings for all children returning to their school work now, whether in school or at home, and for their parents, and for their teachers, school administrators and support staff. Watch over them all especially during this time of COVID 19. **Lord, who loves us all, we pray**.

As you did for the deaf man in today's Gospel, open our ears and our hearts so that we can truly hear your Word, especially in the voices of others including the needy and the poor. **Lord, who loves us all, we pray**.

As St. Anne's community, give us the courage to be partners with you in your reign of love on earth. Lord, who loves us all, we pray.

We pray for all those who are sick including VonDell Hebert, Suzanne Hammil, Imani Webb, Kenneth Bridges, Brian O'Neil, Suzanne Rosenthal, John Flynn, son of Geraldine and Damian, Kathi Ellsworth, Shea Gholson, Stephen Wilken, Lois Hughes, Betty Ferguson, Bill Hulvershorn, Tom Nolan, Jim Young, and all who are suffering from the effects of COVID-19. Lord, who loves us all, we pray.

We pray also for those who have died including Zenaida Tamisin, Mike Sires, and Mike Easley, brother-in-law of Jennifer Hazzard. **Lord, who loves us all, we pray**.

We lift up to you all of the prayers of the St. Anne community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. Lord, who loves us all, we pray.