

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
July 19 - 20, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Church, that we, the Body of Christ, may come together with wisdom, respect and kindness to heal our divisions. **God of mercy and justice, we pray.**

For the world, may all the nations come and worship and glorify your name. **God of mercy and justice, we pray.**

May we heed the wisdom of Pope Leo and today's prophets who warn us about the dangers of unfettered implementation of artificial intelligence. **God of mercy and justice, we pray.**

Because you are all powerful and express your true power through mercy and love, kindle in us a respect for those who seem different from us, and a willingness to pursue justice for all. **God of mercy and justice, we pray.**

Help us to understand that the Holy Spirit groans for us and turns our heartache and longings into prayer, even when we have no words. Let this be the source of our healing and our hope. **God of mercy and justice, we pray.**

We pray for all those who are suffering in body and spirit. May they feel your presence beside them, bringing peace to their hearts and hope to their souls. **God of mercy and justice, we pray.**