

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Presider-Opening**

**We place our needs before a merciful God.**

**May the Church faithfully show God's love, mercy, and forgiveness to the world.**

**We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**May forgiveness and compassion bring healing to the nations of the world, that justice and peace may be established in human society.**

**We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**May the leaders in education have wisdom and insight as they promote safety and effective learning.**

**We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**May communities in strife find ways to end acts of injustice and violence, and to promote respect for the value and dignity of each person.**

**We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Especially as we remember the events of September 11, 2001; may our first responders, and relief workers, even now, be safe in their work and renewed in strength.**

**We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**May there be an increase of vocations to service in the life of the Church, especially to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life and active lay witness.**

**We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**May the healing power of Christ comfort the sick, including: Mary Ellen Baert, Michael Poulton and those who have suffered from the effects of the pandemic.**

**We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who have died, including:**

**Neil Raleigh, brother of Nora Walker; and**

**Calvin Hingle, father of Jenny Robinson.**

**We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**May we remember those who have gone before us in faith, especially our loved ones whose anniversaries occur this week especially, Ray and Becky Allen, Stanley Barr, Eugene Beran, Victor Carbone, George Rommel, Lynnett Vogt-Bronson, and Bill Seelie.**

**We pray to the Lord.**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Closing Prayer**

**Loving God, your Son was lifted up on the cross for our salvation. You forgive us and call us to forgive one another. May our faith increase that we may embrace the cross and come to fullness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**