Universal Prayer  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 14 & 15

We pray for the Church: that we may recognize the length and depth of God’s love for us, and reach out to all who have become estranged from God or the Christian community.

We pray for leaders of all nations: that God, who reconciled the world to Himself in Christ, may inspire the powerful of the earth to thoughts of peace and deeds of life and justice.

We pray for all recovering from floods, wildfires, or hurricanes, especially the people of the Bahamas: that God will give them strength, heal their wounds and fears, and speed the resources that they need to rebuild their lives.

As our country remembers the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001, we pray for those still mourning and suffering from its effects — for all victims of terror throughout the world — for those who have carried out these attacks — and that, through conversion of hearts, our world may see an end to terrorism.
We pray for the global Unbound Community, especially those who are still in need of sponsors: may God bless them all through the transformative power of relationship and the generous sharing of spiritual and material wealth.

We pray for Bishop Braxton and our diocesan priests who gathered for prayer, study, and reflection this past week. May the Holy Spirit guide their leadership of our diocese, so that we may continue effectively proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in Southern Illinois.

We pray that all the souls of the faithful departed will share in Christ’s victory over death, especially Cathy Wolfe, sister of Fr. Jim Deiters – and Colonel Allan Swanson, father of Laurie Edwards…and for

5:00  Vernon Kombrink who is remembered in this Mass.

8:30  James Papproth who is remembered in this Mass.

10:30  Brennen and Finley Bereda who are remembered in this Mass.