

The Universal Prayer
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2018

Presider:

The first disciples were fishermen: men with the courage and strength to challenge the sea and its dangers. Throughout the ages it is men and women of courage who the Lord continues to call to build the kingdom of God. It is the call we hear in our times and to which we can respond in our lives and in our prayers.

Reader:

- 1. For the Church, the people of God: may we each bring the light of Christ in mercy and compassion to all the dark places we encounter in our lives.**
- 2. For our world and especially for the January prayer intention of our Holy Father that Christians and other religious minorities in Asia may practice their faith in freedom.**
- 3. For our nation: may we and our elected officials once again reflect on the words of President John F. Kennedy that, "This country cannot afford to be materially rich and spiritually poor."**
- 4. For ourselves: may the Lord teach us his ways and guide us in truth, for he is God, our savior.**
- 5. For everyone living with physical, emotional, or spiritual distress, especially John Gibriano, Janet Kozlowski, Richard Bellamy, Irene Busher, Lynn Bradley, Beverly Maggio, and Horace Ricks: may the grace of the Holy Spirit come to everyone in need, lifting them up in hope.**
- 6. For all our faithful departed especially * whom we remember at this Mass. May they rest among the Saints in the halls of heaven.**

***Sat. 5:0PM.....Nell Payne**

***Sun...9:00AM...Chester Thiede**

***Sun...1:00....Samuel Moore**

- 7. For the prayers in our parish book of life and for anyone we know who is struggling in any way: may our prayer for them touch the compassion of God.**

Presider:

Gracious Lord, listen to the prayers we present you. Change our hearts by the power of your Spirit, through Jesus our Lord..

Amen.