

The Universal Prayer  
The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 14 & July 15, 2018

**Presider:**

God chose an ordinary person in Amos to be his prophet, just as Jesus picked the twelve from fishermen and tax collectors to proclaim the reign of God. It is not in the extraordinary, in hero's or the mighty but in the everyday, the ordinary, that God speaks to us. Heeding the prophets among us, let us build the kingdom of God in lives of prayerful hope.

**Reader:**

1. For the Church, the ever-beautiful bride of Christ: until he returns may she guide us in mercy and love to live the Good News with everyone we meet.
2. That leaders and nations might heed the words of Pope Francis that: "All too many children have spent most of their lives looking at rubble instead of schools, hearing the deafening explosion of bombs rather than the happy din of playgrounds." Let us all "listen to the cry of children."
3. For our nation: that these summer months may renew us all for the work of peace and justice in our land.
4. For ourselves: that we might live our lives in love because in Christ we have been granted every spiritual blessing in the heavens.
5. For everyone who bears with physical, emotional, or spiritual burdens especially Brennan Fitzgerald: may the kindness of the Lord lighten their burdens.
6. For all our faithful departed especially Donna Merrill DiGirolamo, Lilian Ziomek and \* whom we remember at this Mass.

**\*Sat. 5:0PM.....Rachael Ciotta**

**\*Sun...7:30AM...Constance and Frank Rose**

**\*Sun...9:00AM...Sofia Stives**

**\*Sun...1:00....no deceased intention**

7. For the prayers in our parish book of life and for those fears that keep us bound: may the Lord free us from all that binds us and bring us into his compassionate love.

**Presider:**

***We ask these and all things through Christ our Lord.***

***Amen.***