

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant

May the Spirit pray through us, as we put into words the longing of our hearts for ourselves; our parish community; our Church and our world.

1. In our First Reading, Solomon asks the Lord in his dreams for wisdom in order to govern his people well. We pray for Pope Francis, for our Bishop, Tom, and all who lead us in the Church, that they will be blessed with discerning hearts. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for all who serve us in public life, that they will work with honesty and integrity and always for the common good. **Lord, hear us.**
3. In the Gospel, the Kingdom of Heaven is compared to a merchant looking for fine pearls; we pray that we will listen attentively to the pearls of wisdom given to us in Sacred Scripture, and use them to guide our everyday living. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We give thanks for the beauty and diversity of our world. We pray that we will have the discernment and wisdom to tend it carefully always. **Lord, hear us.**
5. At this time of the year, we remember all who travel. We pray that all may reach their destination safely. **Lord, hear us.**
6. We remember all those who are sick at this time, that the Lord will keep them in his love and care and bless all who look after the sick with great dedication. **Lord, hear us.**
7. We commend to the Lord's love and mercy all our departed loved ones. May they rest in His peace. **Lord, hear us.**

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God our Father, we rejoice in the treasure of your love. Hear our prayers, which we make through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**