

July 23, 2017 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider:

Let us pray, my friends, that all may hear and respond to God's call.

Proclaimer:

- For the church: That it may clearly proclaim God's loving invitation to all people...we pray,
- For those in every level of government who are responsible for policies that enhance the lives of others, especially the most needy ... we pray,
- For those who feel alone, rejected, unloved — especially children; and for all who have never experienced God's love ... we pray,
- For those who demonstrate God's love by caring for the poor, the vulnerable and the unlovable...we pray,
- For those who are afraid to relate to others or who cannot ask for help ... we pray,
- For those suffering from the summer heat; and for farmers who depend on good weather for their crops ... we pray,
- For those in this community whose needs we may not know; for the sick, the dying, those grieving among us, and for those who have died, especially _____, ... we pray,

Presider:

Gracious God, we are overwhelmed by your relentless love for us. Help us to believe that we are, indeed, worthy of your love. Show us how to reflect that love to others, especially those in most need of it. We ask this in the name of your Son, who gave himself for us. Amen.