

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST A

In today's gospel, Jesus invites us to follow him. As he laid down his life in intercession for the world, let us pray on behalf of people everywhere, saying: Lord, strengthen us.

For all people of faith who struggle to believe in the promise of life amid the clamor of death, let us pray to the Lord.

For the churches who must bear witness to the possibility of taking up the cross and following Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who are losing their souls in the pursuit of worldly gain, let us pray to the Lord.

For those laying down their lives in faithful dedication to God's call, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who are to die this week, and for their safe passage to the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord.

For all here present who will one day be judged by God's standards and meet Christ coming in glory, let us pray to the Lord.

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

Most high God, your ways are not our ways, yet your ways bear life. Hear the petitions of your assembled people. Pour out on your world the faith to hear your call and the courage to answer it. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.