

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A
PROPER 18 A
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST A

God's word tells us that those who love their neighbors have fulfilled the law. Out of love and compassion for a broken world, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For nations crippled by international debt, for nations who must beg and scramble for the necessities of life, for nations whose people live in poverty, let us pray to the Lord.

For all Christians who have more than they need, that taking the Lord's word to heart, they may be content with what is necessary and generously share their surplus with the poor, let us pray to the Lord.

Remembering the children of our own country caught in the cycle of poverty, ignorance, disease, and despair, let us pray to the Lord.

For those in our own [city and] neighborhood who are out of work and out of luck, for broken families, for those crippled by debt, for those at their wit's end, let us pray to the Lord.

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

Lord, you invited the beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind, to eat and drink at your table and to feast in your kingdom; and lo, here we are. Grant us the grace to extend to others the same generosity you have shown to us; for you are our Lord, our God forever and ever.