

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A
PROPER 19 A
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST A

Our God is a God of unity, not of division; of love, not of hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us beseech the God of love, saying: We beseech you, O Lord.

For our brothers and sisters of every race and nation:
for their safety and well-being,
for the relief of their sufferings,
for the assuaging of their hunger and thirst,
and for the overcoming of enmity,
let us pray to the Lord.

For those peoples we have come to view as enemies:
for the peoples of the Soviet Union and China,
[for the peoples of N. and N.,]
for the healing of hatred and the birth of friendship,
let us pray to the Lord.

For the churches of the world, let us pray:
for the healing of divisions,
for growth in understanding,
for devotion to the truth of the gospel,
for our mutual enrichment,
and for complete communion in the Holy Spirit,
let us pray to the Lord.

For our homes and families:
for an end to feuds,
for release from the cycle of violence,
for the healing of painful memories,
for forgiveness and peace between those who injure,
for patience in bearing with one another,
let us pray to the Lord.

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

Lord God, your Son made himself the least among us, bore our sins upon the cross, and delivered us from death by his own suffering and dying. Forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world's pain, and make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through the same Christ our Lord.