

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A
PROPER 21 A
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST A

God is a father to those who obey God's word and to those who ignore it. With great humility, then, and with great confidence, let us confide to God the hopes and needs, the pains and the labors of the whole world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all in this world who do not know Christ as the faithful Son who did the will of his Father and revealed to us his Father's kindness, that God's love may be known among them, let us pray to the Lord.

For the churches of the world, that they might prove in their collective witness and action the obedience to God that they profess, let us pray to the Lord.

For all peoples who claim God as their father: for our Jewish and Islamic brothers and sisters, that they may be at peace with us and rejoice with us to do their Father's will, let us pray to the Lord.

For this country, that our unity might be strengthened by genuine commitment to God's will and by faithful obedience to God's word, let us pray to the Lord.

For traitors and prostitutes, for drug-peddlers and con artists, for all who live in the underworld of our nation or outside the pale of respectability, that they might continue to be the special object of God's love, let us pray to the Lord.

For ourselves, that we might be delivered from all illusion of superiority, from all pretense of righteousness, from all arrogance and hardness of heart, and that we might know the meaning of compassion, let us pray to the Lord.

[Here other intercessions may be offered.]

God, you are a God of mercy, a God who does not deal with us according to our sins nor make your love contingent on our good behavior. Be merciful to your people everywhere, and hear our prayers for those who are in need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.