

## Universal Prayer

**Presider:** With faith that God listens to our prayers, let us voice aloud the needs of our community and world.

- For the church, may we who are made in the image of God, celebrate his gift of life to us and live it with gratitude and joy... we pray,
- For our nation, may we act with courage to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities...we pray
- For local leaders, may they work to provide adequate housing and healthcare to people in need... we pray,
- For our Family Promise guests staying in the Youth Center, may they feel fully welcomed by our parish as they prepare for a future of hope ... we pray,
- For space for quiet and rest during these summer days and for a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday ... we pray,
- For all of us in the family of disciples at St. Pius the Tenth, may we be gracious with our abundance and supply the needs of the poor... we pray,
- [11am ONLY: For those friends, family, and seekers of faith joining through live-stream, may praying this liturgy with us be a source of encouragement and comfort for you ... we pray,]
- For the sick, the suffering, and for those who have died, especially... we pray,
- Lector, please remain at the ambo until the following prayer is concluded.

**Presider:** Loving God, you call your people to arise out of the darkness of death and into the promise of eternal life. Hear our prayers that we might be people of peace and justice in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.