

Universal Prayer

Presider: Following in the way of Jesus, let us offer our prayers and petitions to God.

- For the Church, may we imitate the example of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve... we pray,
- For all leaders as they discharge their authority, may they acknowledge God's ultimate authority ... we pray,
- For refugees and victims of war, may we be inspired to help with their needs for safety, shelter, food, and medical care ... we pray,
- For our nation in this time of discernment, election, and transition, may we show love and respect to others despite our differences and focus on the work that continues beyond this election...we pray
- For all of us in the family of disciples at St. Pius the Tenth, may we reflect on the immense challenges of discipleship, drinking His cup and sharing His Baptism... we pray,
- [11am ONLY: For those friends, family, and seekers of faith joining through live-stream, may you gladly bear the burdens of others and seek to serve in love... we pray,]
- For the sick, the suffering, and for those who have died, ... we pray,
Lector, please remain at the ambo until the following prayer is concluded.

Presider: Loving God, in the waters of baptism you empower each of us to proclaim the good news of your son Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers that with hope we might follow in the way of Jesus to everlasting life. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.