

Universal Prayer
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4

We pray in communion with the Church for the monthly intention of Pope Francis: that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

We pray for God's protection upon the men and women of our military who are currently serving in active duty; in thanksgiving for the service of our nation's veterans; and for an end to war and violence throughout the world.

We pray for the preservation of our common home: that God will inspire leaders to develop policies and practices that will preserve the natural systems that God designed for the earth so that all may benefit from earth's resources.

We pray for those caught in a dark night of pain and suffering and who have asked for prayer: that God may fill them at daybreak with His kindness, helping them with His gracious care.

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We pray for our relationship with our sister parish, Our Lord of Esquipulas, in Guatemala: that both parishes may continue to spread the joy of the gospel and be strengthened by each other's faith, prayers, perseverance, and generosity.

We pray for good stewardship and a deep appreciation of all of our possessions: that we may accept them as gifts from God, use them to serve God and others, and never be possessed by them.

We pray for our faithful departed ones: that their souls may spring up and live abundantly in God's blessed kingdom...

5:00	
8:30	Jackie Deschesne – Kevin Asselin – and Jane Rutter
10:30	George and Donna Bender – and Sandra McGaugh

...for whom this Mass is offered.