

READERS: Please take a moment to position the microphone directly in front of your mouth, as this will enable the congregation to hear you clearly. Thank you!

Prayers of the People: September 11, 2022

LEADER: The Prayers of the People this morning include prayers for the Anniversary of September 11th

LEADER: Gracious and merciful God, we remember the terrible acts against humanity that the world has suffered and especially those in our country on this day twenty-one years ago. We pray for the innocent victims and their families. We pray also that those whose hearts are filled with hate might be turned toward love. Help us not to speak or act rashly, but fill our hearts with passion for those in need and strengthen our wills that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you. Reconciling God, strengthen us.

PEOPLE: To go into the world in peace.

Leader: Compassionate God, you bid us to remember this day as an act of faith in your sustaining power to bring love, justice, and mercy amid the changes and chances of this life. Be with us as we pray for this world that you love. Reconciling God, strengthen us.

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LEADER: Let us pray for this nation, for Joseph our president and Kamala our vice-president, for the members of Congress and the Supreme Court, and for all others in authority, that they may have the wisdom to meet the lasting changes brought by the events of September 11, 2001. Grant them the courage to lead and guide us as a people confident in our freedom, that we may live courageously, without fear or prejudice. Reconciling God, strengthen us.

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Leader Let us pray for the leaders of the world, that they may be led to ways of justice and mercy, laying aside ancient bitterness and current resentment, for the welfare of the people they govern today, for the honor of those who have gone before, and for the sake of those yet to be born. Reconciling God, strengthen us.

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LEADER: Protect and guide this parish, and the communities in which we live. We remember those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Chuck Blackinton and those celebrating anniversaries, especially Jessica and Frank Mauro and Angelo and Barbara Djimopoulos.

We pray for the homeless and the hungry, that they may be relieved from distress and protected from harm. We pray for the guests, volunteers, staff and Board of Family Promise and for the Church of the Holy Communion Food Pantry in Norwood. Reconciling God, strengthen us.

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LEADER: We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers, and all who are included on our prayer list. We remember the people of Ukraine and all those suffering the ravages of war. We pray for all victims of gun violence, their families and communities. Give our leaders the wisdom and courage to heal our nation of this epidemic, that the chains of

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violence that bind your people may be broken. Reconciling God, strengthen us.

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LEADER: Let us pray for all who are dying and all who have died, that they may rest in peace. Let not their lives pass vainly before us, but shine forth a new light which overcomes the darkness of our complacency and illumine for us the compassion to which we are called. Reconciling God, strengthen us:

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A time of silence follows for prayers spoken aloud or in our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect.