

## THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

*Let us pray.* O LORD our God, You have commanded the light to shine out of darkness, and You have again brought us to Your house of prayer to praise Your goodness and ask for Your gifts. Accept now in Your endless mercy the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant us those requests which will be wholesome for us. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for the witness of Your servant, Helena, for her prayers for her son's conversion and for her tireless work to mark the way for pilgrims. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You chose Your faithful servant, Matthias, to be numbered among the Twelve and to wear the martyr's crown. Grant that Your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be taught and guided by faithful and true witnesses who will be faithful to the Gospel unto death. By Your Holy Spirit keep us in union with Mary, the Virgin Mother of Our Lord, with Helena and Constantine, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and with all the Apostles and Saints in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church on earth and in heaven. LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remember, O LORD, according to the multitude of Your mercies, Your whole Church, all who join with us in prayer, all our sisters and brothers wherever they may be in Your vast kingdom who stand in need of Your help and comfort. We pray especially for Your Church wherever she suffers persecution this day, as well as for the health and recovery of Your servants *Frank, Denise, Jack & Cecilia, Tom, Doris, and Donald, as well as Sandy, Dee, Eli, Susan, Lauren, Gail, Darlene, Yana, Elsie, Hilda, Mitzi, Flora Mae, John Hunt & John Staley, Chad and Willis,* for all who have died in war, famine and plague this past week, and for all of our sons and daughters in serving in the Armed Forces of this nation and our allies, especially *Jeremy, Christopher, Michael and Kevin.* LORD, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pour out upon us all the riches of Your mercy, O LORD, so that we, redeemed in soul and body and steadfast in faith, may ever praise Your wonderful and Holy Name, through Jesus Christ Our LORD, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always through all ages of ages. **Amen.**