**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**January 17, 2018**

For the people of God,

called to holiness by the grace of Jesus Christ:  
that God grant us unity in faith, in hope and in mutual love.  
Let us pray to the Lord…

For all who govern our nation, our state, and our city:   
that the spirit of God will open their hearts   
to right judgment, understanding and compassion.  
Let us pray to the Lord…

For those who advocate for justice and equality,  
and for greater respect among all the members  
of the human family.  
Let us pray to the Lord…

That the Lord may awaken us   
to the action of the Holy Spirit within us,   
so that we may acknowledge God’s gifts   
and respond to the needs of our neighbors.  
Let us pray to the Lord…

For the healing and comfort of all the sick,   
the safety of health care workers and first responders,  
and protection for those seeking shelter.

We pray to the Lord…

For those who have died,  
and for the comfort of those who mourn their loved ones,

We pray to the Lord….