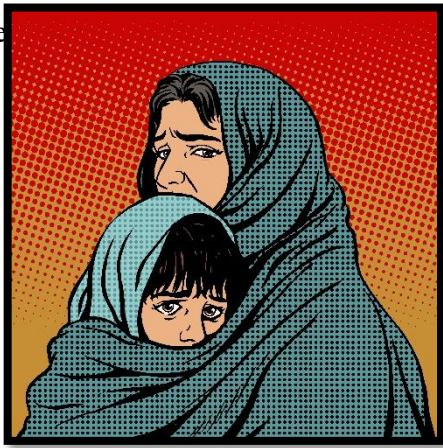




Blessed Trinity Catholic Community + Spirit of Christ Mission

THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Twentieth Sunday Ordinary time August 16, 2026

Priest: **In peace let us pray:**

Reader: That believers and nonbelievers may work and talk together,
to heal the wounds that prejudice, hatred and rejection
inflict on the many: **We pray.**

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Reader: That people may cease to label and exclude one another
as foreigners or aliens, choosing instead to rejoice
in the many gifts of the human family: **We pray.**

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Reader: That the words and actions of separation, racism,
hatred and violence may compel us to be loud in opposition,
firm in our Gospel vision and strong in the service of healing.
We pray.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Reader: That those suffering in Columbia from the recent earthquake,
may be embraced in loving care, strengthened in spirit,
comforted in loss, and kept safe in the midst of disaster.
Let those who search and serve be protected. **We pray.**

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Reader: That the terror of war and hatred,
especially in Iran, Ukraine and every other place,
will soon end through dialogue, truth and understanding.
May all learn to "*observe what is right, do what is just,* "
and seek the way of peace together. **We pray.**

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Reader: That those who continue to suffer this day from fire,
especially our neighbors in Spokane,
throughout the northwest and in our own state.
Let them find comfort, kindness, and compassion.
May those who stretch out their hand to serve be kept safe.
We pray.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

At 10:00 Mass

Reader: That Gabriel Eugene will grow into the faith he entered
through the waters of baptism.
Day by day may he find strength and hope
in promises kept, faith lived and hope renewed. We pray.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Reader: That God may welcome home our dead,
especially Pat Vaughn, Frank Lobdell,
and all who have died from war and hatred.
We pray.

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Concluding Prayer

Priest:



God of all the nations,
in the outstretched arms of Jesus the Crucified
you gather the people of earth, diverse and
divided, into a single embrace of salvation and
peace.

Stir up with us the longing for unity
that filled the heart of Jesus your
Son, and let our every word and
deed
serve your design of universal salvation,
until all are gathered into your one
family
to be perfectly one in your covenant of love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. AMEN © 1998

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