

## Year A – Proper 24

Brothers and sisters, God by His infinite grace and mercy has chosen us to be His people. Therefore, let us, with confidence, bring our needs before our Lord.

For the Church: that She may, through Her word and works, make visible the Kingdom of God on earth.

**Lord in Your mercy,                    Hear our prayer.**

For our Patriarch, all Bishops and Clergy: that they may be men filled with the Holy Spirit and obedient to the Word of God.

**Lord in Your mercy,                    Hear our prayer.**

For elected officials: that they may build societies and enforce laws that respect all human life from conception to natural death.

**Lord in Your mercy,                    Hear our prayer.**

For the Christian community: that they may live our lives in such a way that God's Name may be glorified, even among non-believers.

**Lord in Your mercy,                    Hear our prayer.**

For those who defend us at home and abroad: that they may have wisdom, compassion and protection while engaged in their duties.

**Lord in Your mercy,                    Hear our prayer.**

For the conversion of Islam and other world religions and philosophies that are in direct contradiction to the Word of God.

**Lord in Your mercy,                    Hear our prayer.**

For the hopeless or suicidal; that they may find the necessary help to see their purpose in life and realize their worth in God's eyes.

**Lord in Your mercy,                    Hear our prayer.**

God Most Holy, You have created us in Your image. Hear our prayer and give us the grace to reflect that image to others, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**