

# ***Prayers and Blessings at Home***

## **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 10, 2017**



### **Scripture Readings**

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

### **Prayer during Fall**

God of life and love,  
you are the source  
of all that we have and all that we are.  
Thank you for all you have created  
and for your abundant blessings.  
Make us good stewards of your gifts.  
May we broaden our minds  
by being open to new discoveries.  
May we strengthen our bodies  
by staying active and healthy.  
May we deepen our hearts  
through our prayer to you  
and through the love we show to others.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Examination of Conscience**

☉ When have I been the one who has sinned against another? Have I been open to being reconciled with those whom I have hurt? What changes do I need to make?

☉ When I have been wronged by another, how do I react? Am I open to seeking reconciliation when I have been hurt, betrayed, or been made a victim by someone else?

### **Did You Know?**

. . . that restorative justice is a system that is rooted in biblical tradition? It is an approach to seeking justice that attempts to engage all of the parties affected by a crime, violence, or offense. It seeks to bring offenders to a point of rehabilitation and reconciliation with their victims and with the wider community.

### ***Living the Liturgy at Home***

Make an examination of conscience this week, focusing on the most important relationships in your life. These could include relationships with your parents, siblings, a good friend, or a relative with whom you are close. In reflecting upon any one of these, ask yourself, have there been times when you have had a break in the well-being of these relationships? What can you do to make amends for any separation that still exists? Reflect upon how important those relationships are. Engage one or two of these people this week and seek to reconcile with them.