**INTERCESSIONS – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PRESIDER:**  In our brokenness we come before God and present our concerns with confidence.

**READER:** O God, endow Pope Leo 14th with wisdom, courage and strength, and imbue him with your love for your people. WE pray...**O MY GOD, HOLD NOT BACK.**

Jesus, place within our hearts your fire for love and justice. We pray…**O MY GOD, HOLD NOT BACK.**

For nations divided in ancient conflicts that their divisions may be healed. Heal, as well, divisions in our own country. We pray…**O MY GOD, HOLD NOT BACK.**

Let us keep our eyes on Jesus that we may not grow weary and lose heart. We pray...**O MY GOD, HOLD NOT BACK.**

For the Oblates of Benet Hill Monastery, that they may grow in the spirit of Benedict and prefer nothing to the love of Christ. We pray…**O MY GOD, HOLD NOT BACK.**

That Sisters Helen, Naomi and Rose Ann be blessed in abundance on their nameday on Monday. We pray…**O MY GOD, HOLD NOT BACK.**

That the sick, especially those in our Book of Prayers, and our families and friends, receive the healing gift of Christ. We pray…**O MY GOD, HOLD NOT BACK.**

God of everlasting love, instill in us steadfast prayer, fasting and advocacy these 100 days as we implore the grace of integrity and genuine care of all people and creation. We pray…**O MY GOD, HOLD NOT BACK.**

For eternal rest for Sisters Esther Fangman, Mary Matthew Nowacek, and Marilyn Krier, and for all the deceased among our families and friends. We pray...**O MY GOD, HOLD NOT BACK.**

**PRESIDER:** Generous God, you refresh us with the spiritual and material food we need. Hear our prayer and lead us to your holy mountain. This we ask through Jesus the Christ. Amen