



ST. MATTHEW PRAYER MINISTRY

July 2017

July's scripture verse

*“And so, you should convert to your God.
Keep mercy and judgement,
and have hope in your God always.”
~ Hosea 12:6*



Please pray for the following needs of St. Matthew Parish:

July's New Requests:

- In thanksgiving for the men and women who make the commitment to protect our country, people and freedoms by joining the Armed Forces. We pray for their safety and for their loved ones who wait for their safe return home.
- For police, fire and first responders in our community; we are grateful for their sacrifice and bravery to take care of those who need assistance during stressful situations.
- We pray for peace and justice for all people in our community, our country, and throughout the world.
- May we accept the gift of the precious blood of Jesus when we receive the Eucharist.
- For the leaders of our country, that they may turn their hearts and minds to Christianity as they make decisions for our country.
- We pray for all veterans; may they receive the support they need physically, emotionally and spiritually to help them heal from the tragedies of war.
- That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of Christian life.

Existing Requests:

- We pray for an increase in vocations to religious life. We especially pray for Father John, parish seminarian Andrew Gaffney, and David Auten as he goes through the diaconate program —may the Holy Spirit continue to lead them in their service to Christ.

July Prayer

Father, you have given all peoples one common origin. It is your will that they be gathered together as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure an equality for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. May there be an end to division, strife and war. May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on love and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

