

Prayers of the Faithful

Sr. Maureen Connolly's Memorial Mass. August 15, 2021

Please respond: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

1. For Sr. Maureen, who was given the pledge of eternal life in her Baptism; and now enjoys her promised inheritance with the communion of saints. We pray to the Lord:
2. We remember the members of Sr. Maureen family who have gone before her: her parents, James and Kathleen, her younger sister, Kathleen and her sister-in-law, Lana. May they all know the reward of their goodness. We pray to the Lord:
3. We pray for all the living and deceased members of the School Sisters of St. Francis community with whom Sr. Maureen shared her life for 45 years. We pray to the Lord:
4. We pray in gratitude for Sr. Maureen's loving service to our church and community, first as a teacher and director of religious education and later in several programs where her ever present search for peace, justice and equality for all people led to improved ways to assist the many underserved people of Omaha. We pray finally for the caring "folks" who will carry on the prison ministry and the Alternatives to Violence Project that was dear to S. Maureen's heart to her last days. We pray to the Lord:
5. We pray in thanksgiving for all the people who have helped to make this day a reality, by working and waiting patiently through the challenges of COVID to create a safe and joyful celebration to honor Sr. Maureen today. We pray to the Lord.
6. Today we also celebrate the feast of St. Clare of Assisi, who chose to give her life to God after hearing St. Francis preach to the people. The following words from Sr. Maureen on this feast day a few years ago:

May we have the hearts of Clare and Jesus to feel compassion for those in need.

May we live lives that inspire our family and others around us.

May we have the ability to stand up for the values of Christ when we are challenged.

May religious and political leaders model peace and justice for our church and our world. May each of us choose peace.

For all this we pray to the Lord: