

Prayers of the Faithful (prepared by the team from St Teresa's Church)

1st Sunday of Advent

Introduction

As we begin the new liturgical year and season, let us heed the call to stay alert and vigilant, as we await the coming of our Lord. With hearts filled with love, joy, peace and hope, as represented by the four Advent candles, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all of us support our Archbishop's call to build a more vibrant, evangelistic and missionary church in Singapore and to use our God-given talents to bring this vision to fruition.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

2. For leaders of nations, that they embrace the vision of Isaiah for a peaceful world, where swords are turned into ploughshares.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

3. For Aids victims, that, by the grace of God, a permanent cure may be found through advances in medical science.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

4. For all of us, that, in the spirit of the Advent season, may we forget misunderstandings and differences, embrace conversion and repentance, and come together as one loving community to glorify and honour God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

5. We pray for our own intentions....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

Conclusion

Lord Jesus, help us to heed your call to stay awake and be ready. Show us the way to shed our spiritual darkness, walk in your light and be witnesses of your unconditional love. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Introduction

Let us heed the call of John the Baptist to repent, for conversion of heart and mind, and to allow the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives, as we strive to prepare the way for the Lord. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she may continue to lead and guide the faithful towards holiness and devotion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

2. For world leaders, that they renew their commitment to human rights, peace and for the common good.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

3. For people of different religious, social, racial and political backgrounds, that there may be better understanding and tolerance so as to eradicate bitterness and hatred.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

4. For our parish community, that everyone of us may be attentive to the guidance of the Spirit and to foster the community spirit to bring the needed warmth, joy and hope to our lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, as we acknowledge our weakness and sinfulness, open our hearts to respond to your call for repentance, so that we can receive Jesus fully when he comes. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Introduction

As John the Baptist prepares the way for the Lord, we too are we called to prepare for Christ's coming. On this Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice as we wait in great expectation and faith that our salvation is near. With joyful hearts, we pray:

1. For the Church, that God will strengthen the faith of all her priests to remain steadfast and zealous in their vocation for God's Kingdom.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

2. For world leaders, that they will prioritize for the future of the young, especially those who are suffering

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

3. For all who are afflicted or in need, that they are granted fortitude and patience to await the alleviation of their situation.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

4. For our parish community, that we will be joyful messengers of God's love and faithfulness to all who do not yet know Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

Conclusion

Almighty God, prepare us for our mission to evangelize and to share in the building of your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

4th Sunday of Advent

Introduction

Christmas is almost upon us. Let us rejoice as Jesus our Saviour is with us and open our hearts to love all around us. In complete faith and obedience, we pray:

1. For the Church, that Pope Francis leads her to reawaken faith among the faithful and rekindle charity by our actions.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

2. For world leaders, that the coming feast of Christmas brings them renewed hope and strength to lead their countries to peace, prosperity and goodwill to all.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

3. For all grandparents, who have guided and nurtured loved ones, that they are accorded the love, respect and care they deserve.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

4. For our parish community, that we reflect on how God has come into our hearts, and how we can share his presence and love with others.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

Conclusion

Almighty God, we thank you for the fulfilment of the prophecy of sending Jesus, our Emmanuel, to us. Open our hearts and minds to your presence so that, like St Joseph, we too may faithfully obey your holy will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

CHRISTMAS

Introduction

God showed his great love for mankind by sending his only Son, Jesus Christ, incarnate of the Virgin Mary, to be among us. As we await Jesus' Second coming, we humbly pray:

1. For the Church, that the clergy, religious and laity continue to do God's will by evangelising and bringing the Good News of hope and peace to all.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Jesus, O Emmanuel, be born in us today.

2. For world leaders, that they never forget to lead with compassion and love, administering their duties with justice and truth, especially towards the needy and marginalized.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Jesus, O Emmanuel, be born in us today.

3. For children who are victims of abandonment and violence, that they may find the love and protection they need.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Jesus, O Emmanuel, be born in us today.

4. For our parish community, that we radiate the love of Christ through our words and actions, especially towards our less fortunate brothers and sisters during this festive season.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Jesus, O Emmanuel, be born in us today.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Jesus, O Emmanuel, be born in us today.

Conclusion

Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son. Help us to understand the true meaning of Christmas and to embrace this special day with hope, love, peace and joy, always praising and glorifying you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

HOLY FAMILY

Introduction

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. As members of God's family, every one of us is called to emulate the Holy Family of Nazareth in the way they love and honour each other. Together, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will, through her priests and religious, continue to lead and guide the faithful in the renewal of their faith.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray. O Lord, give us your love.

2. For world leaders, that they will do more to alleviate the sufferings of innocent people, by working for peace, unity and justice.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray. O Lord, give us your love.

3. For all families here today, that, in the midst of their struggles and anxieties, they will have faith and trust that God our Father is always with them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray. O Lord, give us your love.

4. For our parish community, that we may imitate St Joseph, to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to stay vigilant against worldly influences which can destroy family values and harmony.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray. O Lord, give us your love.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray. O Lord, give us your love.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, sanctify our families, make them holy and bless us with wisdom, knowledge and love to care for one another with compassion, kindness, humility, patience and forgiveness, so that we may always be instruments for your glory. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Mary Mother of God

Introduction

Father, you have revealed yourself to your faithful, to those whom you love. Continue to give us your peace and blessings, as we humbly place our petitions before you :

- 1 For the whole Church, that we will be joyful witnesses of Christ to the world because we truly believe that we are sons and daughters of God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our blessed Mother, we pray.

- 2 For world leaders, that they put aside selfishness, pride and greed, and work tirelessly towards fostering peace within their countries and amongst their neighbours.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our blessed Mother, we pray.

- 3 For those suffering in mind and body, that they realise that Mother Mary will intercede for them to give them comfort.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our blessed Mother, we pray.

- 4 For all of us in the parish, that we will make greater efforts to fulfill our resolutions to be more closer to God and to reflect his love and tenderness to one another.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our blessed Mother, we pray.

We pray for our own intentions.....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our blessed Mother, we pray.

Conclusion

Abba Father, we thank you for granting salvation to us through the incarnation of your son, born of the Virgin Mary. Help us to be persons for God and for others, as you guide us to live out our faith. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Feast of the Epiphany

Introduction

God has revealed his presence to us in flesh in Jesus Christ, who is the light and salvation of all peoples. May we too, like the Magi, always be guided by his light and led by faith to his eternal glory in heaven. Humbly, we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that, like the star that guided the Magi, she remains a source of inspiration for each one of us in our search for God's will.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, let every nation on earth adore you.

- 2 For world leaders, that they will strive for real economic development which protects and respects the dignity of all peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, let every nation on earth adore you.

- 3 For all Christians, followers of other religions and all people of goodwill, that they may promote peace and justice in the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, let every nation on earth adore you.

- 4 For all of us in our parish, that we will emulate Christ in our everyday lives, glorifying his name through our actions.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, let every nation on earth adore you.

- 5 We pray for our own intentions....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, let every nation on earth adore you.

Conclusion

Lord, you have revealed your eternal plan for our salvation and showed yourself as the guiding light for all peoples. Help us to centre our lives on you in absolute faith, so as to receive your promise of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Baptism of the Lord

Introduction

Today, as we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, let us recall our own baptism and be aware that the Holy Spirit is active among us. We ask for God's peace and healing, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that through the words and deeds of her priests, religious and faithful, she may continue to bring the light of Christ to the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

2. For world leaders, that they may always work for the common good of their people and safeguard the wellbeing of those who cannot protect themselves, especially the poor, the homeless and the migrants.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

3. For all catechists, who instruct and nurture our young whom they are entrusted with and to help them to grow in the faith, that God will bless them generously. .

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

4. For all of us gathered here, that we may have a deeper appreciation of the great grace of our own baptism and be always open to the promptings of the holy spirit, so as to grow closer to God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, anoint us in your Spirit too and guide us to be obedient to the Gospel, so that we may become sons and daughters in whom you are well pleased. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Jesus, the Lamb of God, was sent to take away the sin of the world and to show us the way to God's kingdom. In humility, we pray that we may glorify God by the way we live:

1. For the Church, that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, she will always be a beacon to all who are seeking the true meaning of life.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that they may be guided to put aside selfishness and greed and to reach out to help other countries in need, so as to make this world a better place.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For Christians of different denominations, that, through our common belief in God the Father and his son Jesus, we continue to work together to build the kingdom of God here on earth.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For our parish community, that, following the example of Christ, we step up to offer our God-given talents to serve in our parish and neighbourhood.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, you have called us to be your missionary disciples. Help us to reach out in love and service to all who do not yet know you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

In the Gospel, Jesus begins proclaiming the Good News and the people in darkness see a great light. It is a new beginning after the setback of the arrest of John the Baptist. Called to repent and to walk in that guiding light, we pray:

1. For the Church, that in the midst of many setbacks, she will continue to shepherd her flock in the ways of Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that they may be committed to principles of democracy and to uphold justice and equality.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For all who celebrate the Lunar New Year, that God will shower them with abundant blessings as they place their trust in his divine providence.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For all of us, that we respond immediately to the call to follow Christ by reaching out to all who do not yet know him and to awaken in them a desire to do so by the way we live.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, your people have seen a great light. Lift our spirits and guide us to strive fervently for the fruits of your salvation and to build the kingdom of God. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Lord Jesus, through the Beatitudes, you show us what God's heavenly kingdom is like and his unconditional love for each one of us. Teach us your way to love our neighbour and to always be humble. We pray:

1. For the Church, that all priests and religious, who have consecrated their lives to God, will always find delight and joy in living their vocations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders that they will strive to for lasting global peace, by ensuring justice for all and doing what is right, in a world broken with conflict and suffering.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For all of us celebrating the lunar new year, a time of renewal, that God will bless our families, friends and acquaintances with forgiveness, peace and love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For our parish community, that we strive to help build the reign of God everywhere we go.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our personal intentions....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, we pray for the grace to live the life of the Beatitudes by being merciful, just and pure of heart. We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

As true disciples of Christ, we should seek to be like the salt of the earth and light of the world. Each one of us is called to evangelize and to bring others to know and love Jesus, by the way we live. With grateful hearts, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all her priests and religious will remain obedient to God's call in their vocations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

2. For world leaders, that they will always seek peace as the priority in all their decisions.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For all who are sick, especially those afflicted with or impacted by the Wuhan Coronavirus and their caregivers, as we mark the World Day of the Sick, we ask God to care for them and help them to overcome their sufferings, as well as to guide every one of us to do our parts.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For our parish community, that we will learn to love our neighbor and to see the other as Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Almighty God, give us the grace and faith to be living testimonies for Christ and extend your care and compassion to all who are in need. We ask all this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Jesus calls us to a total conversion and to choose God's way of genuine love, concern and sacrifice for others, instead of the ways of the world. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all priests, religious and lay persons will serve God wholeheartedly in the vocations to which they have been called to.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that they will hear and consider the cries of migrants, the victims of human trafficking and other forms of violence in their countries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For the sick, especially all who are inflicted with or affected by the global Coronavirus epidemic, their families, as well as all the frontline medical staff, may they draw strength from God who sustains and heals them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For our parishioners, that we will always choose God's way and path and live lives which are just and right.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Almighty God, help us to be steadfast in our faith, fervent in our mission and give us the grace to be guided by your law of love in everything that we do. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Jesus calls us to love as God loves, by loving our neighbour as ourselves and forgiving our enemies and persecutors. We ask for guidance, as we pray:

1. For our Archbishop, on the anniversary of his consecration as bishop, that he will lead our Church to be renewed in forgiveness and love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For heads of governments, that they will lead their nations decisively and will heed the advice of the medical and scientific communities for the swift containment and eradication of the Coronavirus epidemic.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For all who are facing physical decline and spiritual darkness, that they will listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and be led to the light of Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For all of us, that we may not be self-centred but willing to share our abundant God-given blessings with the less fortunate around us.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, you know our human weaknesses. Give us the grace and strength to fulfill your command so that we may grow in holiness and present your merciful love and compassion to the world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Lord Jesus, you are our light and our salvation. Send your Holy Spirit to teach us your truth. Together, as God's children, we pray:

1. That the Church continues to help us understand the teachings found in Scripture and Tradition.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O God, hear us, we pray. O God, give us your love.

2. That world leaders work in unison to bring about a true and lasting peace.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O God, hear us, we pray. O God, give us your love.

3. That the youth and neophytes use their God-given talents to help others.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O God, hear us, we pray. O God, give us your love.

4. That all of us in this community have the faith and sincerity to follow you.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O God, hear us, we pray. O God, give us your love.

Praying for our own intentions

We now pray for our own intentions.....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response : O God, hear us, we pray. O God, give us your love.

Conclusion

Loving Father, look upon us who need your gracious help. By the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us on the way that leads to you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Lord God, you have made us your children through baptism. As our hope and our strength, help us to follow you closely and live according to your teachings. With confidence in your love, we pray:

1. That the pope, bishops, priests and religious be sustained with your grace in their duties to build up the Church.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear us.

2. That leaders of all nations be more conscientious in promoting peace and unity in the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear us.

3. That all fathers, on this Father's day, experience God's choicest blessings in carrying out their responsibilities to be role models to their children to grow in faith and grace.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear us.

4 That the members of our community forgive and are reconciled with those whom they have differences with.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear us.

Praying for our own intentions

We now pray for our own intentions.....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear us.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, You have invited each of us by name to follow you. May we listen to your call to go and preach the good news of salvation to others and to serve those in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Today's Gospel reminds us of God's faithfulness to all who choose to follow him. As his sons and daughters, we are reminded that we have nothing to fear and are assured that, whether in good times or bad, Christ will always be with us, to guide, protect and console us. With grateful hearts, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all her priests and religious remain faithful to their calling and responsive to the needs of the people they minister to.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, may God guide them to work together, especially at this crucial time, when our fight to overcome this global pandemic can go either way, for the good of all mankind.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For all of us here in Singapore, as our nation goes into Phase 2 of our reopening, may God bless and guide us all not to let our guards down and to be socially responsible.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For all fathers in our parish community, that God will grant them the grace to proclaim the Good News to their children through their words and deeds.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

God of wisdom and love, you know each one of us intimately. As you send us forth to build your kingdom, grant us the faith and courage to witness the love Christ and to make sacrifices in service of everyone whom you place in our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Let us learn from the welcoming kindness of the woman from Shumen and take our own steps to welcome Christ and to place him at the centre of our lives. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she may be the place of hope where the lost and disillusioned can receive God's life-giving love and find new meaning in their lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For heads of governments, may they be guided by wisdom as they take stock of the virus situations in their countries, as the current situation is at a critical stage and can go either way, and make the best calibrated decisions for their peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For our youths, that the moral teachings they have learnt during their formative years will help mould them into responsible and caring adult citizens.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

4. For our parish community, that we welcome and accept everyone as Christ, especially the last and the least, in order to build a vibrant, loving and caring community.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Lord Jesus, help us to humble ourselves and to make sacrifices in service of others, as we take up our crosses to follow you and to love one another. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Our Lord is kind, gentle, compassionate and humble. While he calls us to live according to his will, which is almost humanly impossible, yet he also calls all who are burdened in the process to come to him, for he will give them rest. In child-like trust, we pray:

6. For the Church, that through her priests, religious and laity, she may exemplify God's love and compassion to others.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

7. For world leaders, that they may be upright role models for youths across the world and make wise decisions for the good of humanity.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

8. For our families, that they may be the embodiment of love, respect and guidance for one another.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

9. For all Singaporeans, as they ponder how to cast their ballots, may they be guided by wisdom to vote wisely for their representatives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

10. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Loving and compassionate God, may the Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to enable us to live in communion with you and in humble service to one another. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

As we celebrate Bible Awareness Sunday, let us cultivate the habit of reading the Bible regularly and be receptive to live in accordance to its teachings, so as to become the fertile soil for the Word of God to take root and produce a bountiful harvest. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will always nurture the faithful to be the source of new life and to bring forth a plentiful harvest for the Lord.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

2. For world leaders, as reports of new Covid infections start to creep up again around the world, give them the wisdom to do what is necessary to prevent a second wave and to motivate their peoples not to let their guards down.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

3. For all who spread the Word, that they will witness to the love of God to all who do not yet know him.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

4. For our parish community, that, renewed in our love of the Word, we may truly encounter God in his mercy and compassion and to be transformed in his likeness.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

Conclusion

Loving Father, your Word is the way to wisdom and our salvation. Help us to receive it whole heartedly and to make sacrifices in service of others, as we strive to build your kingdom here on earth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The readings today tell of God's love, mercy, patience and forgiveness for all of us. We are called to be loving and kind, like him, and not to be judgmental of others. Humbled, we pray :

1. For the Church, that, led by the Holy Spirit, we will each do our parts to witness to and to draw non-believers to the faith.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that, guided by wisdom, they will prioritise lives over economic and other considerations and make the necessary hard decisions to conclusively turn the tide against the pandemic.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come

3. For people throughout the world, that they will promote racial harmony by accepting, loving, understanding, appreciating and caring for one another as fellow human beings, regardless of race, language or religion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come

4. For the people of Singapore, that, with the elections over, we will put aside differences and divisions to come together again as one people and to be socially responsible and not let our guards down in this pandemic.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come

Conclusion

God of love, patience and forgiveness, bless us with these virtues too, as we interact with our fellow brothers and sisters on our pilgrim journey toward our heavenly home. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Jesus teaches us that the Kingdom of God is like a priceless treasure and is open to all. To attain it, we need to give up our worldly life and constantly strive to live a life of sacrifices in service of others, as he taught us to. With our gaze fixed on the prized goal of eternal life in heaven, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she proclaims God's love and compassion to all.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

2. For world leaders, may they be granted the wisdom to distinguish right from wrong and to act decisively to help those who have lost their jobs or whose businesses have failed because of the current pandemic.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

3. For all who have been affected in one way or another by the pandemic, may they be blessed with the gift of friendship which will help them through this difficult period.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

4. For our parish community, that we rejoice and share Jesus, our greatest treasure, with all who are still searching for him.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, bless us with the wisdom and humility of Solomon and to be able to discern the right paths to your Kingdom. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Today we celebrate God's immense love for us and Christ's promise of eternal life. The multiplication of the loaves is a reminder of his unconditional love and that he will not fail us at our time of need. In gratitude, we pray:

1. For the Catholic Church, that she will be the living embodiment of God's concern for humanity and especially for those distressed by the current pandemic.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For leaders of nations, that they may be endowed with wisdom and the courage to work for peace and to address the serious socio-political and economic crises in the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For all nurses and healthcare workers, who selflessly serve the sick and the dying, that they will be blessed and protected in their tireless labour of love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For our parish community, that we continue to give of ourselves in service to others so that we may multiply and make abundant the grace of God that is constantly at work in our lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, we strive to constantly seek you in the Eucharist and in your Word, so that we may in turn share in your life and love for us with one another. We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

We are reminded that God is always with us, especially at our times of greatest need. May we be able recognize Christ amidst the storms in our lives and have the faith to trust him as he guides us through our difficulties. Humbly we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will continue to be the rock that leads her people towards Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that they will respect the dignity of the human person when making any decision that may impact the lives of their people.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For refugees, forced by violence and persecution to abandon their homes, that they may find a generous welcome in the host country and have their rights protected.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For our country, Singapore, as we celebrate our 55th National Day, that we will be able to navigate our way safely through Covid and economic recovery.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Lord Jesus, amidst the chaos, disruptions and destruction to the world, as we know it, brought about by the pandemic, grant us the courage and faith to respond to your voice, as Peter did. Bless us also with the peace we need as we strive to cope with hardships and trials to rebuild our lives. We ask this in your most precious name. Amen.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

We are reminded that our God is God for all the world.
He embraces everyone and is the God of love and mercy.
Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that through our daily witness, by our words and actions, as Christians, we may lead non-believers to Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that they may be granted the wisdom to act with selflessness, courage, justice and integrity, as they care for the welfare of their peoples, especially the marginalised.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For all who do not believe in Christ or who do not acknowledge God, that they may be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to recognize the signs of your fatherly love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For our parish community, that our homes and Church may be places of peace and prayer for our families, friends and acquaintances.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, grant us the faith and perseverance of the Canaanite woman and help us to become more like Jesus, as we strive towards our promised salvation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Having been proclaimed by Peter that Jesus is the Son of the living God, and the one true Saviour, let us turn to our Heavenly Father to seek the graces we need to build his Church on earth as we pray:

1. For the Church, that, she will remain strong and unified in the face of opposition, standing always as the source of unfailing light and truth to all people.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come.

2. For all leaders, that they may serve with humility and gentleness, and only use their power and authority in promoting justice and the good of all.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come

3. For those of us called to spread and share the Good News, that they help to enable people to deepen the knowledge and love of God and the Church.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come

4. For all of us in our parish, that through constant nourishment by the Word of God and the Eucharist, we may grow to be the holy people that God has called us to be.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, help us to recognise your great generosity. Teach us to love and give, as Christ did, and to work together as one united people in greater love and service as Church. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Though the prophet Jeremiah was reluctant to prophesy bad news to the people of Israel, he did so looking towards the future glory of Israel.. Similarly Jesus in his suffering and imminent death and suffering understood the saving power which will be poured out upon all mankind by his dying on the cross. With grateful hearts we pray :

1. For the Church, that as the prophet of God, she will not be afraid to speak out and take action against the injustices prevalent in society. .

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that they always look for peaceful ways to mitigate their causes rather than plan for war which leads to the senseless destruction of lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come.

3. For the care of creation, that we each make a personal commitment to care for nature and the environment by not polluting our oceans, reducing waste, recycling and teaching our young ones to do the same.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come.

4. For our parish community, that we continue to pray for one another and for others throughout the world, especially for the grace to cope with the difficulties, hardship and fear during this pandemic.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your Kingdom come.

Conclusion

Father, help us to carry our crosses by focusing on our heavenly home, as we make our pilgrim journey here on earth. Through all our ups and downs, let us feel your Spirit speaking to us with words of encouragement and love and peace. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.
Amen

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Today, we are taught how to resolve conflict in a community of believers and are called to fraternally help and correct one another in the spirit of love and forgiveness. We are also reminded that when two or three are gathered in God's name, he is with us. In faith and in gratitude, we pray:

1. For the Church, that Pope Francis and his clergy will affirm the faithful in their faith and to inspire and lead them in hope and charity in these challenging times.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come.

2. For leaders of nations, that the spirit of truth and justice will lead them to strive for peace and international cooperation for the betterment of mankind in the current unprecedented health, economic and political crises.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come.

3. For teachers and educators, as we celebrate teachers' day, that they will be endowed with wisdom to impart the right values to the young and to care for the special needs of their students.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come.

4. For our parish community, may we love one another as Christ loves us and be tolerant of one another's shortcomings.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, we are all sinners and need forgiveness, as much as we need to forgive others. Fill us with the grace and humility to always love our neighbour as ourselves. We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Today we celebrate the love, compassion and mercy of our forgiving God, who always stands ready to forgive us for our sins. In turn, we are expected to reciprocate his love, compassion and mercy by forgiving the wrongs which our brothers and sisters do against us. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that through the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sinners are able to receive God's pardon and be in communion with him and the Church again.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that as the numbers of Covid-19 infections continue to rise at alarming rates in many countries, they work together to contain the spread of the infections, steer their countries out of their current economic downturns and to especially help the poor and the marginalised.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord..

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For all mankind, that we ensure that our planet's resources are not plundered, but shared in a just and equitable manner.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For all of us in our parish, that as we celebrate Catholic Education Sunday, we pray for Catholic parents to work together with our Catholic schools to ensure that our children develop to realise their god-given potential and to showcase our faith by the way they live.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to let go of anger and resentment and to forgive those who have offended us, just as we ask you to forgive us for our sins. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The Gospel parable reminds us that if God chooses to be more generous to others, without any injustice to us, we cannot be jealous or envious based on our human standards of merit or entitlement. Instead, let us pray for the faith to be surprised by such generosity:

1. For the Church, that she may show the same compassion and unconditional love of God to others.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that they will govern in a fair and just manner so as to alleviate the sufferings of their people.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For the elderly, that they will feel God's love and care through their family members, friends and fellow citizens.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For our parish community, that we support one another to turn away from indifference and apathy and to allow generosity, love and kindness to flourish in our daily lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Almighty God, help us to see that your ways are not always man's ways and grant us the grace to accept your will for us and to be kind, loving and generous towards others. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Heavenly Father, you are ever willing to forgive our sins and welcome us into your kingdom. Show us the way to obey your will, both by word and deed, as we place our needs before you. We pray:

1. That the Church continues to spread the Good News and inspire its members to listen and obey the Lord's commandments.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love.

2. That world leaders exercise their authority with compassion, love and kindness.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love.

3. That the misguided and those who have strayed turn to God's loving embrace again.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love.

4. That as we celebrate our Parish Fun Fair this weekend, may the different organizations and groups in the parish work together harmoniously, supporting each other in the service of God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love.

Praying for our own intentions

We now pray for our own intentions.....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love.

Conclusion

Lord God, the treasure that is unlocked for us when we renounce sin is priceless. May you constantly remind us to think of others' first. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

The parable of the vineyard in the Gospel reminds us that God's patience and mercy has its limits. While he trusts us to run our lives as we choose, he also promises us his kingdom if we abide in him and accept and persevere in faith with his plans for our lives. With grateful hearts, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all her faithful working in the new evangelization programme will remain zealous in bringing the Good News to others.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that they may set aside differences to work together to overcome this pandemic and safeguard the livelihoods of their peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For those who are in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing, that they will turn to God and Mother Mary for consolation and strength.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For all the children and youth in our parish community, that God will fill them with the graces to love and build an intimate friendship with him.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Lord Jesus, thank you for the many opportunities for us to repent and make our lives right with you. Grant us the grace to grow in humility with prayer and thanksgiving in all our relationships and to love others as you love us. We ask all these in your most precious name. Amen.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The Lord invites all of us to his heavenly banquet. However it is how each of us responds to his invitation and our willingness to change our ways that will determine whether we will earn our place in his promised kingdom. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she may grow in love and be a source of new hope and life in a world that is tainted by fear and darkness.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For leaders in governments, that they will inspire and guide their people to work for the common good of all, with commitment and dedication.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For Christian volunteers, especially those who work with the physically and spiritually poor, that they will be a sign of inspiration and hope to all, never losing heart or focus and always seeking the Lord for strength..

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For all of us, that, confident of God's love and providence, we may reflect it to all whom we meet.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, shepherd us and give us the grace and conviction to make sacrifices in service of others and to bring them to God by the way we live. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday

Introduction

In the Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us that all that we have comes from God and we must therefore not hoard but give back to or share our gifts and talents with others, especially those who are in need. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that our Pope, priests, religious and laity will continue to proclaim the Gospel with zeal and conviction to all who are seeking the truth.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

2. For world leaders, that, amidst this pandemic, they work together for the health and protection of their people and to rebuild their shattered economies.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

3. For the laity, that, by virtue of their baptism, they, especially the women, may participate more fully in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

4. For all of us in our parish community, especially on World Mission Sunday, that God may strengthen our spirits and guide us to become more effective evangelizers to all who do not yet know Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

Conclusion

Almighty God, may we always recognize your presence in our lives and serve joyfully as missionaries for your Church and for the glory of your name. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

In the Gospel passage today, Jesus teaches us that in order to follow him to the promised kingdom, we must love God with all our hearts and soul and to love our neighbour as ourselves. With this as our guiding light, we pray:

1. For the Church, that Pope Francis may guide her in preaching love and compassion, which is what truly matters in all situations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

2. For world leaders, as we celebrate United Nations Day, that the core values of its founding charter reaffirm the equitable treatment of the weak and disadvantaged in society.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

3. For all who are suffering physically, mentally or who are abused because of their race or religion, that they may find their way in life and allow themselves to be touched by God and the people who care for them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

4. For our parish community, that we build relationships and togetherness by eradicating barriers of differences.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, grant us the grace to rid ourselves of obstacles that hinder us from loving and worshiping you and to care for the vulnerable and those who are in need. We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Almighty God, help us to remain humble and steadfast in our faith, amidst the many temptations that we face every day. Humbly, we pray:

11. For the Church, that she will continue to guide the faithful and be a steadfast beacon for all.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love.

12. For world leaders, that they will devote more time and resources to the needs of the elderly, the underprivileged and the sick in their societies.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love.

13. For the victims of natural disasters in Thailand, Indochina, Philippines, Turkey, Japan, New Zealand that they may make it through to rebuild their lives, homes and livelihoods.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love.

4. We also pray that God may sustain them and give them the strength to heal and restore their lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love.

5. For those providing emergency and relief services, may God watch over and guide them, as they labour to reach and help the victims.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love.

Praying for our own intentions

We pray for our own intentions.....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray, O Lord, give us your love.

Conclusion

Lord, you are our Teacher, Father and Master. In all that we do, show us the way to always place others before ourselves and to live for your promise of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

In today's gospel, Jesus calls us to stay awake and to be prepared, vigilant, and ready for his Second Coming, for we do not know the time nor place. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that our priests, religious and laity will be inspired to continually seek out God's wisdom.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that they cultivate tolerance and peaceful co-existence amongst their peoples, so as to bring about lasting peace and dignity for them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For the victims of the several recent natural disasters in Asia and Europe, that they may find peace and closure to move on and experience God's love as they strive to reconstruct their lives and livelihoods.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For all of us, who may feel lost or overburdened, that, like the wise bridesmaids, we shall persevere and remain steadfast in following Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, guide us how to seek wisdom and to always be prepared, like the five bridesmaids in the parable, so as to wait in joyful hope for the Second Coming. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the parable of the talents reminds us that we will all be judged by the choices we make and how we have done God's will by sacrifices in service of others. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that God will strengthen all priests and religious to remain faithful stewards in devoted service for his kingdom.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that, on this Fourth World Day of the Poor, they will eradicate indifference and seek to eliminate poverty in their countries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

3. For all catechists, that they continue to be guiding lights to their students.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

4. For our parish community, that we remain vigilant for the Lord's coming and to be obedient to his will in our lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Almighty God, we thank you for the many gifts and talents you have blessed us with. Help us to use these gifts for your glory and to spread your love and hope to all. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Ash Wednesday

Introduction

As we begin the season of Lent, we thank God for this time of grace to respond to his call to come back to him with all our heart. The blessed ashes are symbolic of his unconditional love for us. In complete trust, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will be the sign of God's salvation to all, through prayer and penance.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders, that they will set aside rivalries and be guided to work for the common good to contain and eradicate the Coronavirus scourge.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

3. For those who have lost their way, that they look to you Lord for truth and to us for friendship and love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

4. For ourselves, that in the spirit of self-denial, we may be generous to the poor and the oppressed, by practical almsgiving.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Almighty God, you remind us to focus on repentance and reconciliation as we fast, pray and give alms during this Lenten season. Grant us also the grace to show mercy and forgiveness to those who have hurt us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

1st Sunday of Lent

Introduction

Christ has left us the Holy Spirit to be our guide and to help us to resist temptation, just as he did when he was tempted in the wilderness. In gratitude, let us turn to him, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that this Lenten season of prayer, fasting and reconciliation may prepare us to rise to new life with Christ at Easter.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God, ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders, that they will act justly and wisely to protect the weak, preserve harmony and promote lasting peace in their societies.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God, ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

3. For all who procrastinate in one way or another, that God will help them to overcome the constant temptations to be distracted from the main tasks at hand.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God, ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

4. For all of us who struggle with the temptation of drugs, alcohol, gambling, violence, or dishonesty, may the Spirit of God help us to recognise the harm of such actions and give us the strength to avoid these occasions of sin.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God, ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God, ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, grant us the grace, strength and faith to resist our daily temptations and to serve you with all our hearts. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Introduction

We are all called to bear our share of hardships in our lives and to persevere and to have faith in God's promise and plan for our lives, just as Abraham did. With similar faith and confidence in God's divine plan for us, we pray:

1. For the Church, that the Holy Spirit will guide her in wisdom to teach and uphold Christian values.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders, that they put aside personal agendas and work towards social justice for their peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people hear our prayer.

3. For all who are suffering in mind, body and soul, may they find comfort and relief in their caregivers and in the knowledge that God cares for them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people hear our prayer.

4. For our parish community, that we may do our part to reach out in whatever ways we can to our neighbours who are in need.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Lord Jesus, grant us the grace to trust in your wisdom and plan for our lives. If it is your will, may we too catch a glimpse of your glory, just as your disciples Peter, James and John did at your Transfiguration, and be filled with the zeal to lead others to you. We ask this in your most holy name, Amen.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Introduction

God gives living water to each and every one of us. With faith, may this well up within each of us and lead us to eternal life with him. With renewed faith in his promise, we pray:

1. For Pope Francis, on the 7th anniversary of his election as Pope, may God continue to bless and grant him the strength to continue to shepherd the church.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders, with the coronavirus now declared as a pandemic, that they will act responsibly and decisively to limit, control and stop its spread within their countries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

3. For those suffering in body, mind, or spirit, particularly those with the coronavirus, that God's healing love will touch them, relieve their suffering and restore them to health.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

4. For all of us, may we be a spring of living water, especially to those who carry heavy burdens, and to consciously do our parts to be socially responsible in the current pandemic situation.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Living God, you desire all people to drink of Jesus' living water and to be saved. Hear the prayers of your people, protect and guide us, as you draw us to yourself so that one day we too may enjoy eternal life with you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

4th Sunday of Lent

Introduction

As we reach the midpoint of our Lenten journey, the call from Ephesians is for us to walk in God's light and to remove all obstacles that may prevent us from receiving his light, truth and wisdom in our lives. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire priests and clergy to be faithful and zealous in the building of God's kingdom on earth.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

2. For leaders of all nations, at this critical time in the Covid-19 pandemic, that they may be imbued with wisdom and right judgment and heed the advice of the global scientific community to act firmly and decisively to contain and prevent the spread of this virus.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

3. For those who do not know God and for the conversion of sinners, that they may be given the light of faith and know of God's redeeming love for us.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

4. For our parish community, that we will always walk in the light of faith and to put into practice what the Lord is telling us, regardless of difficulties and opposition.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, heal us of our spiritual blindness and sinfulness and fill us with the grace to seek true repentance, conversion and to walk in Light of Christ and as your witnesses. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

5th Sunday of Lent

Introduction

By his raising of Lazarus from the dead, we are reminded that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life and that it is only through him that we can we obtain eternal life. With grateful hearts for this blessed assurance, we pray:

1. For the Church, that God will protect and strengthen the faith and love of her priests who give their lives to care for his flock.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders, that they will be guided to act firmly and decisively as one global family in their fight in the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

3. For Catholics in China, we pray that the Church there may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity and love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

4. For each one of us, in the current Covid-19 "new normal" in Singapore, that as we take all measures to protect our families and to also be socially responsible, we pray fervently for the eradication of this scourge and remember that, with God, all things are possible.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Almighty God, we cherish your gift of hope and faith in the resurrection and ask that you strengthen our faith and our love for your Word during this Lent, so as to be able to overcome sin, temptation and every obstacle in our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Palm Sunday

Introduction.

Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to suffer and die for our sins. May we observe the solemnity of Holy Week with genuine repentance and sacrifice for others, so as to share in his resurrection. Humbly, we pray:

1. For our priests, that, nourished continually by God's love, they remain focused in their efforts to bring all peoples closer to him, especially those who have strayed.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayers.

2. For world leaders, that they put aside pride, rivalries and political differences, to come together at this crucial time to work to contain and eradicate the Covid-19 scourge.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayers.

3. For those suffering from addictions of any sort, that they may be helped, guided and accompanied so as to be free from them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayers.

4. For all of us in Singapore, as we prepare to take decisive further steps next week to break the chain of community spread of the Covid-19 virus, may God enlighten and guide each one of us to do our parts and to be socially responsible.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayers.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response : God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayers.

Conclusion

Almighty Father, open our hearts and minds and grant us the faith and conviction to appreciate and accept that sacrifice and suffering to do your will are part and parcel of true discipleship. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Maundy Thursday

Introduction

The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Last Supper, when he gave of his body and blood for our salvation, whilst his washing of his disciples' feet showed us the true meaning of loving service to others. Humbled, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all priests are renewed with fervor and zeal for their priestly vows, on the anniversary of the institution of their priesthood.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

2. For heads of governments, that they may be granted the wisdom to serve their peoples with integrity, compassion and love, putting the interests of their people first before self.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

3. For all who are sick, especially those stricken with the Covid-19 virus, that they may receive God's healing power.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

4. For all of us, as we prepare to walk with Christ to his death and resurrection as we begin our paschal triduum, may we be prepared to be broken in loving sacrifice and service to others, as his disciples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions....

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Lord Jesus, you taught us that your love conquers all and never fails. At this very dark hour of mankind's fight in this pandemic, help us to keep faith with you and to love and serve one another as you have shown us. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen.

Easter Sunday

Introduction

By Christ's resurrection, God changed sin and certain death for all of us to grace and eternal life. In faith and joy, we turn to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, with our prayers:

1. For the Church, that the Lord's resurrection and light will renew the faith of all her flock who are now living in the darkness of the current pandemic.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray. O Lord, give us your love.

2. For hope throughout the world, that Easter will inspire leaders of governments to work more collaboratively to bring this pandemic to an end and for all infected people to receive the care that they need.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray. O Lord, give us your love.

3. For all who are afflicted in different ways, especially the most vulnerable and those grieving for loved ones, that the assurances of God's grace and blessings from the beatitudes will give them faith, comfort and peace.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray. O Lord, give us your love.

4. For each one of us, that renewed in our baptismal promises, we may always be strong in faith, confident in hope and abounding with love for God and neighbour.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray. O Lord, give us your love.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord, hear us we pray. O Lord, give us your love.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, by the sacrifice of your Son, you have won for us eternal life. May this knowledge of your unconditional and faithful love for us and the message of Easter be with us always. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

2nd Sunday of Easter

(Divine Mercy Sunday)

Introduction

Merciful and ever living God, as we rejoice and celebrate Christ's resurrection and his promise of eternal life, grant us the faith of "those who have not seen and yet believe". In joy and confidence, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she may reach out to all who are suffering in any way during this Covid-19 pandemic to show them that Christ is here with us and that his mercy and compassion endures forever.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: For the sake of your son, have mercy, Lord.

2. For world leaders, that they may be guided at this crucial time to cooperate and work together to bring this pandemic to an end for the good of all peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: For the sake of your son, have mercy, Lord.

3. For the people of Singapore, as our daily infections numbers climb to record highs, especially amongst the migrant workers, we pray that our healthcare system will be able to cope and that everyone will do their part to stay at home and to be socially responsible.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: For the sake of your son, have mercy, Lord.

4. For our parish community, on the Feast of Divine Mercy, that we take the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist seriously and to live our lives, as Christ taught us, with forgiveness and compassion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: For the sake of your son, have mercy, Lord.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: For the sake of your son, have mercy, Lord.

Conclusion

Our Lord and our God, receive our prayers and fill us with renewed hope, especially in these trying times, and help us to keep faith and to persevere, so that we may radiate your love and mercy to others by the way we live. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Introduction

On the road to Emmaus, the eyes of the two disciples were opened by Christ to understanding the Scriptures. We pray that, we too, may understand them and allow his Word to act in our lives:

1. For the Church, that she will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to grow in faith despite our not being able come together at present, as a community of believers, to celebrate the Eucharist.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

2. For world leaders, that they stop politicking and start working together to implement and enforce all necessary measures to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, extend help to all those affected and to rebuild their shattered economies.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

3. For an end to slavery in all its forms, including to money, sex, forced or child labour, work, computer games and addictions to drugs and gambling.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

4. For our parish community, that like the disciples at Emmaus, may our eyes be opened and our hearts and minds renewed each time we partake of the Eucharist, so as to share with others our encounters with the Lord by the way we live.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, like the disciples after Christ's crucifixion, we feel totally lost in the midst of this pandemic. May the Holy Spirit fill us with burning hearts as we realize that Christ is always with us at the Eucharist, so that we may go forth after each encounter with him to love and serve the world and one another, and on his path for us to eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

4th Sunday of Easter

Introduction

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are reminded that Christ, our loving Savior, laid down his life for us. It is a call to every one of us that the path to his promise of eternal life is to follow his example of loving self- sacrifice in service of others, just as our many health care workers are putting themselves in harm's way to save others in the current pandemic. With grateful hearts, we pray:

1. For the Church, that God will keep our Pope, all his clergy and his seminarians zealous in their vocations and inspire more young people to answer his call.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray; O Lord give us your love.

2. For world leaders, that they will be guided by wisdom to heed the advice of the scientific community and work together to stem the spread of this contagion and for its eradication.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray; O Lord give us your love.

3. For the sick, especially those afflicted with or those in mourning as a result of Covid-19, that God will sustain and comfort them through his Word and the sacraments of the Church.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray; O Lord give us your love.

4. For the youths, especially those awaiting confirmation in our parish community, that God will guide them and strengthen their faith in these difficult times, as they await with anticipation for their delayed Sacrament of Confirmation.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray; O Lord give us your love.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray; O Lord give us your love.

Conclusion

Almighty God, help us to repent, resist temptations and listen closely to the voice of our one true Shepherd and give us the grace and conviction to do his will every day of our lives. We ask all these through Christ, our Lord. Amen

5th Sunday in Easter

Introduction

In the midst of the current pandemic, especially as countries rush to "open up" from their lockdowns, there is a real fear that the contagion may spread or even get worse. Yet Christ reminds us not to be troubled and to have faith in him as our Way, our Truth and our Life to the Good News. With grateful hearts, let each one of us make him the foundation of our lives, as we pray:

1. For Pope Francis and his clergy, that the Holy Spirit will inspire, lead and strengthen them in their mission to lead the Church and to be the light of Christ for the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

2. For leaders of nations, that they work together at this critical time in their fight against the pandemic and be guided by wisdom to implement policies which protect the lives of their peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

3. For mothers throughout the world, that they turn to Mary as their model in selfless love and care for their families and homes.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

4. For our parish community, that we truly welcome Christ to live in us and let him show us the Way, the Truth and Life.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, as we contemplate the Risen Lord in his Word and teachings, may we also imitate the examples he has given us, so as to share in his death when we do his will and make self sacrifices in service of others and in order to also share in his resurrection. We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

6th Sunday of Easter

Introduction

Christ sent us the gift of the Holy Spirit to support and guide us always along the right paths and every day of our lives. With grateful hearts, we pray:

1. For our priests and deacons, that, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, they may be invigorating symbols for the entire Church.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love

2. For leaders in governments, that they put aside differences and ideology to unite together to bring the Covid-19 pandemic under control and to save lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love

3. For all those in societies which are starting to open up from their lockdowns, that they will continue to practise good personal hygiene and social distancing to prevent a resurgence in the spread of the virus.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love

4. For all of us in the parish, that we look out for, support and help one another to love and forgive each other as Christ taught us.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love

Conclusion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have commanded us to love one other as you have loved us. May we always be guided by the promptings of the Holy Spirit to do your will and to make sacrifices in service of others, so as to keep your commandments and in order that others may see your glory through our actions. We ask this in your most holy name, Amen.

7th Sunday of Easter

Introduction

As we reflect on Jesus' prayer for us to the Father in the Gospel, we are humbled by his immense love and concern for us. Strengthened by this knowledge, especially in the midst of this pandemic, let us pray in confidence:

1. For the Church, that we may faithfully continue Christ's mission of service rather than to be served, so as to bring hope and healing to all those in need.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

2. For world leaders, that God will guide them as they strive to find solutions to the health, economic and social crises that confront us today.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

3. For the Church in China, that all Christians there may practise their faith freely and draw strength from Christ's promise to always be with them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love

4. For all who work in media, that they will act professionally to disseminate facts and not be coerced into spreading untruths, especially at this time when timely access to information is crucial in our fight against the virus.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

5. For all of us, that guided by the Holy Spirit, we may devote ourselves more to prayer and God's Words, and strive to do God's will each day.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

6. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray, O Lord give us your love.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the glory you have given to your Son, Jesus. Grant us the grace in turn to give you glory by the way we live, love and make sacrifices in service of our neighbour. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Ascension of the Lord

Introduction

Christ's ascension to eternal glory assures us that we too will one day follow and live forever in his heavenly Kingdom. In the Gospel, we are also called to help him to realize the Kingdom here on earth, especially in the midst of the current Covid-19 situation. With renewed confidence, we pray:

1. For the Church, that with the blessed assurance of Christ's ascension, we will be filled with fervour to bring God's forgiveness, love and mercy to everyone we encounter.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

2. For world leaders, that they will be inspired by wisdom to work together to resolve differences through dialogue and God's love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

3. For all who are sick, especially those suffering from Covid-19, that they may experience the love, care and compassion of God's people on their journey to recovery.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

4. For our parish and Small Christian communities, that we will grow in strength and numbers and respond to the call to spread the Good News and God's love and mercy through our actions.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

Conclusion

Loving Father, renew our faith and give us the conviction and perseverance as we strive to become your worthy disciples through our actions and sacrifices, performed with love, compassion and forgiveness. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pentecost Sunday

Introduction

At the Feast of Pentecost today, we celebrate the birth of the Church and Christ's gift to us of the Holy Spirit, who will always be with us to instruct and guide us in the ways and will of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she may be renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit, as on that first Pentecost day, to go out into the world and bring his peace, love, joy and forgiveness to all mankind.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

2. For the leaders and people of Singapore, as we prepare to start lifting our Circuit Breaker measures in phases from this coming week, that God will be merciful to our nation and that everyone will strive to be socially responsible.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

3. For health care workers everywhere, especially those at the frontlines of the fight against Covid-19, that the Holy Spirit will bless them and give them comfort and peace.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

4. For our parish community, that, when we can come together again to worship as the family of God in Church, we will be more attentive, appreciative and cherish the great gift of the Eucharist.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth.

Conclusion

Come Holy Spirit, especially now, as we are mired in the Covid-19 pandemic, give us courage and faith and remind us of your loving care and presence as you show us the way and for our growth as your people. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Trinity Sunday

Introduction

Today, the Gospel reminds us that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that all who believe in him may have eternal life. In faith and gratitude, we celebrate and profess our faith that the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that Pope Francis guides her in the mission entrusted by Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

2. For world leaders, that they may be guided by the Spirit to act with integrity and conscience, as they dialogue and strive to negotiate peaceful and just solutions to current disputes and conflicts.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

3. For all those suffering physically, mentally or who are abused because of their race, that they may find their way in life and allow themselves to be touched and healed by the Heart of Jesus.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

4. For our parish community, that we, who are created in love, may be a community of love for others, especially during the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come

Conclusion

Most blessed Trinity, be to us a beacon of love, faithfulness, mercy and forgiveness on our pilgrim journey and draw us ever closer into your glory. We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

Corpus Christi

Introduction

Christ instituted the Eucharist as a loving reminder to us that he is always with us. May we draw strength, faith and courage because of this and know that he will nourish and provide for us now, while we are on our own wilderness journey through this Covid pandemic, just as he did for the Israelites in the desert. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church as the Body of Christ, that Pope Francis and his clergy will continue to guide and strengthen the faithful with the unity and peace of the Holy Spirit.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, Bread of Life, hear our prayer.

2. For leaders of nations, especially during this global pandemic, that they put aside differences and help one another alleviate the health, economic and humanitarian crises in the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, Bread of Life, hear our prayer.

3. For all who are searching for God, that, notwithstanding the current closure of our churches, they may be guided to respond to and join the many virtual RCIA sessions which will be starting shortly.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, Bread of Life, hear our prayer.

4. For our parish community, as we come together, as the Body of Christ, to share in this sacred meal, that we may and continue to build stronger bonds of love and care for one another.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord, Bread of Life, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, Bread of Life, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Almighty God, you have given us the Eucharist as the heavenly food for our journey. May the precious Body and Blood of your Son dwell in and transform us so that we too may become bread broken for others and your instruments in building your kingdom of love and peace. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Christ the King

Introduction

Today, we celebrate Christ our shepherd king who reminds us that we will be judged by how we treat others. May every one of us have the grace and conviction to follow his example of unconditional love and sacrifice in service of all who are in need, especially during this pandemic. Humbled, we pray:

1. For the Pope and his clergy, that, in imitation of Christ, they may be worthy servants of the Gospel, leading the people towards the heavenly kingdom.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ, our Redeemer, hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders, that each one of them will do the right thing and to uphold the laws and Constitutions which they had pledged to protect when they took office.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ, our Redeemer, hear our prayer.

3. For all Christians, that, filled with confidence and empowered by the Holy Spirit, they will share the Gospel with those who do not yet know Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ, our Redeemer, hear our prayer.

4. For our parish community, that we will make every effort to physically partake of the Holy Eucharist and resume our Church activities.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ, our Redeemer, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ, our Redeemer, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

God of love, show us the way to follow you as we live out your commandment to love one another just as you loved us, and, in so doing, bring the joy of the kingdom to others. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

All Saints Day

Introduction

Today, the Church celebrates the multitude of men and women whom we are called to emulate, as they had loved God fully and loved their neighbours as themselves. Inspired by their examples, we pray:

1. For Pope Francis, the bishops, clergy, religious and the faithful, that the Holy Spirit will lead the Church to be a beacon of love, light and hope for the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ our Lord and Saints of God, hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders, battling the global pandemic amidst severe economic, social and environmental adversities, may they be endowed with wisdom to work for the common good of all.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ our Lord and Saints of God, hear our prayer.

3. For the discernment of God's will in our lives, may we embrace the challenge of living the life of the Beatitudes, in zealous imitation of Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ our Lord and Saints of God, hear our prayer.

4. For each one of us in the parish, that we will seek to put on the mind of Christ, through prayer, discernment and an active apostolate in the service of the community.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ our Lord and Saints of God, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ our Lord and Saints of God, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, you call us to be holy, like the Saints in heaven. We pray for your transforming grace, so that our lives will be grounded in fidelity to the teachings of your Son, Jesus. We make this prayer in his most holy name. Amen.

All Souls Day

Introduction

Today, as we remember our departed loved ones, we draw strength and comfort from our relationship with our Lord and Saviour, who invites all who are tired and overburdened to come to Him, with the promise of rest. In faith and joyful hope, we pray that they have been raised from the dead:

1. For the Church, that those in bereavement may find renewed strength from God's Word, peace from his presence and healing from his love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, grant us your eternal salvation

2. For world leaders, that, when the time comes, they will draw up fair and equitable guidelines for the distribution of the vaccines for the coronavirus.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, grant us your eternal salvation

3. For the forgotten souls and the souls in purgatory, may God have mercy on them and bring them to eternal life with him.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, grant us your eternal salvation

4. For all of us, that, when the time comes for us to walk in the valley of darkness, no evil will we fear as we know that God is with us always.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, grant us your eternal salvation

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, grant us your eternal salvation

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, may we be steadfast in our belief that your Son is our resurrection and our life and that when our earthly journey ends, we will be received into your kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Chinese New Year

Introduction

With God, there is no beginning and no end. Let us dedicate the Lunar New Year to him and may we always set out to seek his love and mercy, as we pray:

- 1 For the Catholic community, that her leaders come together to promote peace and love among the people.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

- 2 For world leaders, that they will strive to bridge the social and economic gap between the rich and poor in their respective countries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

- 3 For the sick, the poor, and the jobless, that they will place their trust and hope in our provident God, who knows all our needs.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

- 4 For all of us in our parish community, that we may leave behind the past and be opened to the future which God wants to start with us.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

- 5 We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Lord God, continue to shower on us your abundant blessings and help us to place all our trust in your divine providence, as you guide us to live in harmony, loving and serving you and one another. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Feast Day of St Therese of the Child Jesus

Introduction

Today, as we celebrate the feast of St Therese, our Patron Saint, may we emulate her example of total devotion and service to the Lord, offering our sufferings for the salvation of souls and for the spreading of the gospel. In joyful hope, we pray:

1. For the Church, that we will always be conscious of God's presence in us and look forward to our heavenly goal with "child-like" trust and confidence.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, as you were to St Therese, be yourself, our holiness.

2. For world leaders, that God will help them to fulfil their pledge to bring about justice, equality, happiness, prosperity and progress for their nations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, as you were to St Therese, be yourself, our holiness.

3. For all missionaries, that God will protect and guide them as they bring the Good News to all who do not yet know him.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, as you were to St Therese, be yourself, our holiness.

4. For our parish community, that, like St Therese, we may learn to make use of little sacrifices, prayer and meditation to develop a deeper relationship with God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord, as you were to St Therese, be yourself, our holiness.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, as you were to St Therese, be yourself, our holiness.

Conclusion

Lord, hear our prayers and awaken the "child" in each one of us, so that we may live our lives in "child-like" faith and obedience to you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Presentation of the Lord

Introduction

Like Simeon and Anna, let us proclaim Jesus as our Messiah and the Light of the nations, who brings hope and salvation to the world. With grateful and contrite hearts, we pray:

1. For Pope Francis and his clergy, that, through the action of the Holy Spirit, they continue to be beacons of the Light of Christ and of his love to all peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come.

2. For world leaders, that they may be shown the way to work with one another in a spirit of trust and dialogue so as to build a peaceful and harmonious world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come.

3. For those religious sisters and brothers, who are consecrated to God by their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, that they will always reveal the love of Christ to those they encounter and enrich the world with their lives of prayer.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come.

4. For our parish community, that, by our lives and example, we may be instruments of the Holy Spirit to make Christ known to others.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come.

5. For all who have been affected by the Wuhan coronavirus, that governments and the global scientific community will work together transparently for its swift containment and eradication.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come.

6. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Through our lives and by our prayers your kingdom come.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son who, by his coming into the world, has revealed the greatness of your love for us. May we always be worthy of his transforming sacrifice in our lives. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

