

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

1st Sunday of Advent

Introduction

Today marks the beginning of the Advent season when we are called to be vigilant and await for the second coming of Christ. Father, cleanse us of our sins as we prepare ourselves to receive Him. Humbly we pray:

1. For the Church, that priests and religious explain the significance of Advent and show how the laity can embrace the spirit of the season.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

2. For world leaders, that they set aside differences and come together to combat the rising tide of terrorism.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

3. For Aids sufferers, that with God's grace and his healing power, medical researchers will be able to find a cure for the disease soon.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

4. For all of us in the parish, that we come together in prayer and support each other to do good in preparation for the day of the Lord.

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, as we prepare for your coming, help the hopeless to find hope, the frightened to find courage, and the anxious to find peace, as you show us the way to live loving lives worthy to share in your promise of eternal life. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen

2nd Sunday of Advent

Introduction

God of love and life, as you sustained the faith of Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem, strengthen our faith and grant us with the grace and will to long for and prepare for the coming of your Son. Humbly we pray:

1. For the Church, that all priests and religious will be re-energized by the preparations for the coming of Christ, to serve God's people with renewed faith and holiness.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

2. For world leaders, that the light of Christ will enlighten them to rule their nations with justice and compassion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

3. For the marginalized in society, that the Holy Spirit will inspire the righteous to come forward to defend their human rights.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

4. For our parish community, that the love of Christ will overflow in our lives so that we may reach out and share His love with all those around us

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, you not only challenge us to live our lives faithfully as your sons and daughters but also show us the paths to it. We thank you for your mercy compassion and forgiveness and ask that you teach us in turn to forgive others. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Third Sunday of Advent

6. Introduction

Lord, we are now at the mid-point of Advent. Guide us to pause to examine our lives and conscience, whether we are living lives in service of others and the changes that we need to make. We pray:

1. For the Church, that through her teaching and preaching of the Good News, more people may come to know and love Christ. .

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

2. For the leaders of nations, that their decisions bring lasting peace to their peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

3. For all who are victims of natural disasters, that God will ease their pain, renew their spirits and send kind volunteers to assist them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

4. For all of us in this parish family, that we may bear the light of Christ to all whom we meet, through our deeds of compassion and care for one another.

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, give us the strength to heed John the Baptist's call to walk in your way of love and righteousness, and in self sacrificial service for others. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

4th Sunday in Advent

Introduction

Lord God, as we wait with hope and joy for the coming of your son Jesus Christ, our divine messiah, may his birth free us to love and serve others. We pray:

1. For the Church, that bishops, priests and religious, led by the Holy Spirit and the example of Mary, will continue to grow in zeal in their mission to bring Christ to the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord
Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

2. For world leaders, that in this season of Joy and Peace, they seek reconciliation with one another to bring about justice and find a solution to growing terrorism.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord
Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

3. For the disabled in our society, that like Mary and Elizabeth in the exchange of blessings, we accept them with generosity and love, as members in the Body of Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.
Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

4. For our parish community, that we may imitate Mary in her discipleship and be bearers of the Word to people around us.

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, we thank you for the gift of your Son. Help us to renew and deepen our love for Him, so that like Him, we can also say 'yes' to your will for us in our lives. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CHRISTMAS

Introduction

Gracious God, your splendour and light shine from a humble manger in Bethlehem today. With the heavenly host of angels we joyfully welcome the Word Made Flesh and we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that she will be blessed with more priests and religious to evangelise and engage Catholics to rediscover 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 this Christmas season will inspire them to rule their people with justice ensuring true peace and harmony.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For all peoples, that Christ may reveal himself to them with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and reflected in the face of his Church.

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 members will have room in their hearts to render love, care and respect for each other.

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, we thank you for sending us your Son to dwell among us. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother and St Joseph, we pray that we will share in the life of Christ and in the joy and hope He came to deliver. We make this prayer in the most holy name of Jesus, our Emmanuel. Amen

Holy Family

Introduction

Lord, we come together as members of God's family and pray that we may be strengthened and renewed through the grace of Christ's body and blood. United we pray:

1. For the Church, that led by Pope Francis, she may fruitfully carry out her mission on family life in fidelity, truth and love.

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 may be guided by the Holy Spirit to always protect human life, the sanctity of marriage and family.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For families, especially those who suffer, that they may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

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 our families will never experience violence, rejection or division as we follow the example of faithfulness and love modeled by the Holy Family.

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 God, you are the only one who can give full meaning to our lives. Grant that we may live in the same love and joy as the Holy Family, as you constantly guide us to walk towards our heavenly family. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

Mary Mother of God

New Year's Day

Introduction

The Blessed Virgin Mary consented unreservedly to be the Mother of Jesus Christ. The Lord has given her a place of honour in heaven. Through her great faith and relationship with God, she shows us the way to true discipleship. Inspired, we pray:

- 1 For the whole Church, that we will be joyful witnesses for Christ to the world, and that each one of us will be a tangible blessing to all we meet.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

- 2 For world leaders, that they put aside pride, greed and selfishness and work tirelessly towards fostering true and lasting peace.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

- 3 For all who suffer poverty and sickness, that they can find help and support from sympathetic fellow citizens.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

- 4 For all of us, that we thank the good Lord for his many blessings in the past year and strive to come together to serve the Lord for his greater glory.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

Conclusion

Abba Father, because of Mary's 'yes' to being the mother of your son, we are blessed to be your children and heirs to your kingdom. We offer our thanksgiving for her and for your son whom you sacrificed in your great love for us. We pray in his most precious name. Amen.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Introduction

Today, we stand in awe and remembrance of God's revealed mystery of the Word made flesh. He shines his light upon us and shows us the way to our glory in heaven. In complete faith and homage, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and joyfully bear witness to their gift of faith to all they meet.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they protect nature in all its forms and be mindful that all creation is the work of God entrusted to human responsibility.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For young people, that they follow Mary's example and respond to the Lord's call to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, our candidates and catechumens, that we will not hesitate to spread the Good News and the message of love to one another.

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

Heavenly Father, thank you for revealing Jesus to us as the Way, the Truth and the Life. May we always live the faith that we profess and never take for granted the graces you have showered on us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Baptism of the Lord

Introduction

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Christ was sent by the Father to bring peace and healing, and to redeem us and show us the way of everlasting life in heaven. With grateful hearts, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will always be a source of faith and hope to all, including those who do not yet know God.

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 bring justice to all nations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For migrant workers and refugees, that the new year will bring renewed hope for greater protection and integration 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 will live out our baptismal promises by witnessing to the Gospel and revealing God's glory by our words and actions.

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, you sent your Spirit at Jesus' baptism. May it guide us along your paths and away from everything that does not lead to you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

We come together as one body to worship our God and to call on him in all our challenges, as we acknowledge our many shortcomings. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, may it grow in its resolve to welcome and embrace those who are living on the margins of society.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of nations, may their first concern be to preserve and foster peace through compassionate policies and just systems.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For Christian unity, that God may heal old wounds and lead us to give common witness, through prayer and service to those in need.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our Catechists, who are being commissioned this weekend, strengthen and multiply those called to this ministry and show us how to support and encourage their work.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

5. For our parish community, that we take heed of Mary's words and do whatever Jesus tells us to do.

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, thank you for your many gifts. Just as Jesus changed the water into wine, help us to use these gifts wisely for your glory, as you transform us into your new creations. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

We have heard how the new Law given by Jesus unites us to himself and binds us together as his people, thus enabling us to work together for his Kingdom. In humility, we pray:

1. For the Church, that the faithful will ponder on the Word of God, increase in fortitude and discover his unconditional love and peace.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of nations, that they work tirelessly to help mitigate the ever-growing divide between the rich and poor.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the youth, as they gather for the World Youth Day at Panama, that they may be fired with enthusiasm and filled with passion to be witnesses of God's 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 pay it forward by coming together with our diverse talents to build a vibrant and faith-filled 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

Heavenly Father, guide us to emulate your Son in the way we live. Keep us always humble, embolden us to bring the good news to others and to help all those in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

We are called to be God's prophets and to proclaim the Good News with courage and love. May we also speak out for justice and not to be afraid to stand up for the truth, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that she may communicate more effectively the truths of the Gospel, with courage and conviction .

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that their decisions may show their concerns for the poor and the vulnerable and respect the dignity of every human being.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who have answered the call to consecrated life, that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them so that their exemplary lives may bring many more to know and love Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, our candidates and catechumens, that we learn to serve one another with love in our parish, our families and work places.

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 are our rock and stronghold. Grant us the gift of faith, hope and love and the conviction to proclaim your Word to the world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Every one of us, however unworthy, is called by God to help build his kingdom here on earth. Like the Apostles in the Gospel passage, the question is whether we are prepared to leave everything behind and have the courage to respond: "Here I am Lord, send me." Guide us, Lord, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that her leaders help the laity deepen their faith and be active participants in the mission of the Church.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of nations, that they govern with integrity, truth and justice for the good of every citizen.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the 27th World Day of the Sick on 11th February, that we heed Pope Francis' teaching that generous gestures like that of the Good Samaritan are the most credible means of evangelization.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For all of us in the parish, that we bring ourselves closer to God through prayer and share the blessings of his love to those 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, remove any obstacles which are preventing us from heeding your call to become your fishers of people and give us the faith, commitment and compassion to make your love known to all by the way we live. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The Beatitudes is a call to place our trust in God and to share in his sufferings, especially in times of difficulty. We are also reminded to reject materialism and the values of the world, and to instead be guided by his law of love, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that the Holy Spirit will continue to bestow on Pope Francis and his clergy the gift of wisdom and fidelity to the Gospel, as they lead the faithful in resolving conflicts both within the church and in the secular world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will be guided by God's wisdom and work for peace, justice and for the common good.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution and for those who face violence in war-torn countries, may the Lord liberate them from their predicament and grant them peace and healing.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our children attending catechism, their catechists and our parish community, at the opening of our catechetical year this weekend, may we all proclaim the Beatitudes boldly to all 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, bless each one of us with a firm faith and show us how to be in constant and intimate dialogue with you, as we experience the joys and sufferings of our crosses, and help to build your kingdom here on earth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Our Lord is compassionate and merciful. He loves us in our entirety and forgives us, no matter how sinful or unworthy we are. Humbly, we pray:

1. For Archbishop William Goh, on the anniversary of his consecration as bishop, that he continues to be guided by the Holy Spirit to be our role model of God's love and compassion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they show compassion and mercy to the less fortunate in their societies.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who are suffering in any way, that they may experience the love and comfort of God in their anguish.

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 be guided to live out our Catholic faith daily, with love, compassion and forgiveness, such that others may see God through 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 sent your son to show us the way. Give us the grace to be more like him and to treat others not as they deserve, but with love and compassion, just as you want us to be. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

We are reminded that we are all sinners and must not be hypocritical or judgmental of others, while overlooking our own faults. Let us now turn to our compassionate and loving God with our prayers.

- 1 For the Church, that all the faithful will honour God by their words and deeds and help others to draw closer to him.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 2 For all who hold public office, that they will work for the common good and not for any personal gain or agenda.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For all who suffer from social injustice, whatever the cause, including abuse, deprivation and hostility, that they may receive compassion, guidance and lasting support and see the face of God through our actions and from others around them.

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 faith community, that by surrendering our sinfulness and self-righteousness, we may allow God's saving actions into 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, you teach us that a person's true character is often revealed by their words and action, as well as by how they live. Hear the prayers of your family gathered here and guide each of us daily to live in your presence, in praise and in thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

10th Sunday of Ordinary time

Introduction

Father, you restored life and brought joy to the widows in today's readings. May we too experience the same consolation as we place our trust and confidence in you, we pray:

1. For the Church, that the clergy, religious and laity, through their words and actions, radiate the compassion and mercy of God to everyone they encounter.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

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

2. For world leaders, that they put aside their quests for riches and power and come to the aid of countries, providing basic necessities, such as food, water and shelter.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the aged, the marginalized and those who have no one, that they may find opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish, that we grow into a more vibrant and caring community through our volunteering and participation in parish activities and in the various ministries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

5. We pray for our intentions

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

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

Conclusion

God our Father, as pilgrims making our way towards our heavenly home, give us the grace to imitate the example of your Son every day, by showing empathy, helping to restore broken lives and giving hope and comfort in our own little way to those around us. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Lord, most of us are more like Simon than the sinful woman, for it is easier to see the faults of others than our own. God of infinite love and forgiveness, help us to see our own faults and to repent, so as to find healing and forgiveness, as we pray :

1 For the Church, that we continue to be faithful disciples and witnesses of Christ to the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

2 For world leaders, that they consider the rights of the poor, the severely handicapped and the elderly, when drawing up their laws

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

3 For the sick, the terminally ill and the infirm, that they be strengthened by God's promise that he is always with them in all their difficulties.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

4 For the fathers in our community, that God grants them the wisdom to lead, guide, love and nurture their families in the Christian way of life.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

5 We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Father, may we never take you or your gifts for granted. Help us to acknowledge our sins and give us the grace not to sin again. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

We believe in God, the Father, who sent his only son, who in turn gave his life for us and to lead us to him. As we carry our daily crosses as his disciples, we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that she may be the beacon of light leading all people who do not yet know Christ to the Good News.

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 God may give them insight to see the issues and make the changes needed to better the lives of their people, especially the most vulnerable.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For all fathers, earthly and spiritual, that God may bless them abundantly and guide them to be the sign of his love and presence to their children.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 4 For all of us, that we may see every person as a child of God, and not be prejudiced or swayed because of a person's race, religion, education or status.

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, we give thanks for your merciful and unconditional love for us. Strengthen our faith and transform our lives through daily prayer to walk in the light of your love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The call of Elisha echoes our own call to discipleship by the Lord. We pray for the grace to be able to respond resolutely to God's will for our lives, so that, guided by the Spirit, we may be able to help build his kingdom here on earth. In faith and confidence, we pray:

1. For the Church, that more young men and women will have the courage to take up the challenge to leave all behind in order to serve the Lord and his people, as priests and religious.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they use their office and influence to foster peace and unity in our divided and battle-scarred world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the peacemakers, that they will be successful in building bridges of peace and unity in our world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that we make an effort to grow and share our faith together, through the various faith formation programmes offered by the parish and the Archdiocese.

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, keep us steadfast in faith and resolute in striving to do your will, and, to witness to the Gospel by the way we live. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

The Gospel today in effect calls each one of us disciples and we are called to proclaim the Good News and to be messengers of peace to all. We are warned to be prepared for hardship and rejection and to instead love our neighbour as ourselves and be ready to forgive and make peace. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will have more labourers to bring the message of God's peace 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.

2. For world leaders, that they will ensure that justice is administered with integrity and that injustice does not prevail.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For our Youth, that they may be fired with enthusiasm and filled with passion to be witnesses of God's 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 'rejoice and be glad' to be messengers of peace to all around us, by the way we live and in the way we deal with adversities and rejections.

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, show us how to labour in your harvest and to go the extra mile to do what is necessary for your greater glory and to strive to have our names written in heaven. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Bible Awareness Sunday

Introduction

Our Lord God has sent Jesus, like the Good Samaritan, to heal and save us and commission us to be a people of love and mercy. In faith and in gratitude, we pray:

1. For the Church, that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide priests and clergy to preach the gospel of God's love and compassion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of nations, that they are given the wisdom to govern with justice and love for their people, especially the marginalised and the oppressed, and to work to promote world peace.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For a greater bible awareness in the Church, that the faithful and our Lectors, who are being re-commissioned this weekend, will allow the Word of God to become a living and dynamic source of inspiration in all areas of their lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, called to minister the love of Christ to one another, that we be present and available to grow in the practical ways of loving God and neighbour as we serve in the evangelical mission of the church.

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, help us to obey your Word and give us the grace to love you with all our hearts, and the courage and will to love our neighbour as ourselves. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

The mystery we celebrate today is that God is among us. So let us welcome him hospitably into our lives, like Abraham, Sarah, Martha and Mary did, listen to him and be guided by his teachings on how we should live. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that God will strengthen the faith of his priests to shepherd and guide his flock with humility and love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, especially in our increasingly polarized world, that they will always work to find common ground for racial and religious harmony and for peace among the nations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all those who are suffering or in need, that God will bring hope, joy and love through his providence and blessings.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish, that our faith community will always strive to serve one another with true hospitality and joy, and to be especially welcoming to newcomers.

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, free us from the distractions of this world and keep us focused as obedient disciples of your Son, looking out for and helping those in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

God our Father truly loves each one of us and treats us as his beloved sons and daughters. In the Gospel passage, Christ teaches us how to pray and the effectiveness of perseverance in prayer. In gratitude and confidence, we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that she may radiate the light of Christ and the joy of his love and compassion to all people.

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 as kind and generous to their peoples as Christ was.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For those who are sick or suffering, that they remain steadfast in their trust in Christ, for deliverance from their ailments.

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 we may be collectively transformed into the kingdom of God, where love, friendship, compassion and hope reign.

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, let us pray with confidence the prayer you taught us and never lose faith in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

18^h Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

In the Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us not to become obsessed with earthly things, which cannot be brought along with us at the end of our earthly journey, but to seek the things which are pleasing to God instead. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that our priests remain steadfast in their mission and encourage more Catholics to help build the Church by spreading the Good News.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they join hands to protect the environment, such as by fighting global warming and to stop the irresponsible discharge of toxic wastes.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For nurses and other healthcare workers, that they are blessed with kindness and a commitment to their calling, so that the sick under their care may experience God's love and comfort.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, as we start to celebrate our masses temporarily at CHIJ Kellock during the restoration of our parish church, may we become more aware of what is truly important in our lives and allow the Spirit to guide us to do God's will.

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, set us free from the clutches of greed, selfishness and the possessiveness of the secular world and give us the grace to be guided on the path to eternal salvation which your Son set for us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Jesus has promised us that those who seek God and his kingdom will not be disappointed. He also reminds us to be vigilant and spiritually prepared by living lives in faithfulness to his teachings. Trusting in his promise, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she may always show the joy and hope of Christ to the world, as the source and inspiration of true love and compassion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, may they put aside pride and self-centredness to work together to end one-upmanship and divisiveness, and to start cooperating again for the common good of their peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For families, that through lives of prayer and love, they may be guided to understand and to love and support each other unconditionally.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that we may faithfully celebrate each day as a gift from God, with absolute trust in his love, compassion and service to one another.

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, taking Abraham and Sarah as our role models in faith, guide us through prayer, serving others and resisting the things of the world to your promised kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

We are reminded that true discipleship often means encountering division, rejection, hardship and hostility. As a result, we are called to have the zeal, courage and conviction, like Jeremiah and Christ did, to turn away from evil and to put God first in our lives, as we pray:

1. For the church, that she will continue in her work of evangelisation to bring God's Word to everyone, even in the face of opposition and humiliation.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they strive to assist the poor and lift them out of their vicious cycle of poverty, through education and creating more job opportunities.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the fight against slavery in all its forms - child labour, sex trafficking, and exploitation of the poor and illiterate.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish, that there will be greater enthusiasm by parishioners to serve in the various ministries as well as through faith formation and family life programmes.

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, keep us steadfast in our faith and trust in you, especially in trying times, as you guide us on the road to eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time
Lay Apostolate Sunday
(& Catechetical Awareness)

Introduction

The Gospel passage reminds us that knowing the Lord alone may not be enough for salvation. We must actually strive to follow his teaching of sacrifice and service to others in order to gain entry through the narrow door to the kingdom. Lord, show us the way, we pray:

1. For the Church, that Pope Francis will exhort his flock to focus on repentance and spiritual development to further deepen our faith and catechetical awareness.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they may put aside their differences, respect the dignity of every human being and work towards building lasting peace for all nations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the communities involved in Catechetical Ministries in our Archdiocese, that God bless their efforts as they sow the seeds of his love and promote the teaching of our faith.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community on this Lay Apostolate Sunday, that we, the laity of the Church, may be guided to be bearers of the Good News to others, 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

Almighty God, give us the grace to be faithful and disciplined in order to strive to gain admission to your heavenly banquet. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Humility is at the heart of our readings this week. It is a virtue that each one of us is called to nurture and live by. We are also reminded to help all whom God has called us to serve, especially the needy and those who cannot reciprocate. Lord, show us the way, we pray:

1. For the Church, that God will sustain all our priests in their vocation of love and humble service.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will be guided by the spirit of reverence for their peoples and respect for Mother Earth.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who are afflicted in one way or another, that they will unite their sufferings with Christ's and be strengthened by his Word and the sacraments.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, as we celebrate Teachers' Day, that all Catholic educators in our midst will be loving witnesses and living testimonies of our faith.

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, free us from the sin of pride and guide us along the path of humility, so that we may become your true disciples and build an intimate relationship with you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The gospel challenge us to reject the lure of the world, to put Christ above all things and to embrace the cross. Graced with the knowledge that Christ gave up his life for our salvation, in faith and in gratitude, we pray:

1. For the Church, that guided by the holy spirit, she will remain true to her mission to proclaim Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will be inspired to seek wisdom to work with one another to promote peace and to end conflict in the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For politicians, scientists and economists, that they will work together to protect the earth's seas and oceans and ensure the proper use and harvesting of these invaluable and precious natural resources.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that as disciples of Christ, we commit ourselves to following him with a spirit of generosity, self-sacrifice and without counting the costs.

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 your grace to resist temptations and to strengthen our resolve so that we may follow in the footsteps of Christ in loving you and our neighbour as ourselves. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Catholic Education Sunday)

Introduction

God is always ready to forgive and welcome us back when we acknowledge our sins and repent. Our God is truly loving and forgiving. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that, like Christ, our good shepherd, our priests earnestly seek out those who have drifted away from God and welcome them back with open arms.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For heads of governments, that they provide equal opportunities for all to education, as a means of leveling the field, especially for those at the bottom of the social ladder.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For our Catholic schools, that they continue to provide our young with an education that nourishes the mind, body and soul, to love and serve God, family and community.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our Catholic educators, that they nurture and anchor our children in faith and knowledge, to meet the needs and demands of the ever-changing world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

5. For parents with school-going children, that they willingly partner our Catholic schools to grow our children to be faithful disciples of Christ, to give our world a better tomorrow.

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, give us with the courage and conviction to recognise our sinful ways and to be open to allow you to heal and make us whole again. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The Gospel reminds us that we cannot serve two masters and must thus choose between the way of the world and God's way. We must also use any wealth in the right way. Lord, show us the way, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she continues to show us the way to serve our Lord and God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For government leaders and all in authority, that they may overcome the temptation of personal gain to work for the common good of all peoples with selflessness, integrity, and compassion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who are tormented in mind or body, that they will find strength and enlightenment in Christ's teachings and draw strength from him.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that all volunteers in our midst will always be loving witnesses and living testimonies of our faith as they positively impact the lives of others.

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 to look beyond material possessions and to always seek to make the right choices to act in a Christian way, making sacrifices in service of others. We ask these through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Lord God, we are reminded by the parable of the rich man and Lazarus not to be obsessed with the pursuit of worldly things, nor to forget the needs and plight of those around us. In unity and faith, we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that she is an example to us to embrace people of all races and religions as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, we pray as one.

- 2 For world leaders, that they work together with compassion for peace, especially in the Middle East, and to protect their peoples against the grips of terrorism.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, we pray as one.

- 3 For migrants throughout the world, that they may be welcomed with respect, generosity and authentic love by all Christian communities..

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, we pray as one.

- 4 For all of us in the parish, that we make special efforts to reach out to newcomers and integrate them into our community.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, we pray as one.

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Lord, we pray as one.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, guide us along your paths and may we always be open to your promptings to be compassionate and to make self sacrifices in service of others, especially the poor and needy in our midst. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

When prayers do not seem to be answered or when we witness senseless evil, violence and destruction all around us, let us keep faith that God will attend to our cries for help but in his time and way. So we must not lose faith but to let go and let God. In faith and humility, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she continues to inspire her flock to be steadfast in their faith and to do what is required to make this world a better place.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they work together to slow down and reverse climate change, in order to preserve our Earth for the generations to come.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For children of all ages, as they celebrate Children's Day, that they will feel happy and safe, practising the virtues and values they have learnt.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that we may take time to appreciate and value our faith and God's many gifts and blessings to us and to share them with others.

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, you teach us that true discipleship means dying to self in service of others to do God's will. Grant us the faith, conviction and perseverance to always remain your humble servants, not expecting any praise or recognition, in order earn our place in God's kingdom. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen.

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

Today we encounter a faithful and forgiving God who takes away our sins. With grateful hearts, we humbly pray:

1. For the Church, that the Holy Spirit may bring about a new missionary “spring” to transform her life and pastoral activity and to go forth to offer everyone the Good News, so as to grow the Kingdom of God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they may put aside self interests and strive to promote peace and unity for the greater good of all peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the children of the world, that they may be protected from hunger, abuse, illiteracy and violence.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that we heed God’s call to be kind and merciful to others, especially those who cannot reciprocate.

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 and forgiving God, like Naaman and the Samaritan, we thank you and gratefully acknowledge that it is through your goodness that we have been called to salvation. Grant us the grace to be faithful, disciplined and always eager to do good, and bring us to eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

In the Gospel passage, Jesus invites us to faithfully and persistently tell God all our needs and to know that, with God in our lives, everything is possible. In gratitude, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all her priests are renewed with zeal in their mission and to be the face of Christ to whoever they encounter.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will be make just decisions in aid of the poor and marginalized in their societies.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who are suffering, that they may recognize God's presence with them, helping them to bear their crosses.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that each one of us will have the courage to go forth and proclaim the Good News to all who do not yet know God.

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, in this Mission month, we ask for the grace and wisdom to live our lives as your true disciples. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The Lord is a just judge, who listens to the prayers of the poor, humble and weak. We are called to be humble and contrite, like the tax collector in the Gospel, as all who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Confident of God's great love for us, we pray:

1. For the Church, that the Holy Spirit continues to encourage and empower all priests and religious in their care for the faithful, with renewed dedication and enthusiasm.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will be guided by God's wisdom to ensure peace and justice for their peoples and the international community.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For those with mental health challenges, that they will receive help and support from family, friends and the community.

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 be open to the grace of God to enable us to grow in faith, hope and charity.

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 eyes of faith to see ourselves as we are, to humbly recognise our own weaknesses and vulnerabilities, and guide us on the right paths and to grow in the love of God and neighbour. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Christ's mission is clear. He has come to seek and save the sinful, the despised and the "lost". The question is whether we allow him to heal, convert and renew us? Humbly and with contrite hearts, we pray for this grace:

1. For the Church, that she can be the conduit through which God's grace flows to his people, especially the downtrodden and broken.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For Heads of Governments, that they uphold the rule of law at all times and ensure that any forms of violence are dealt with firmly and speedily, to maintain peace and order in their countries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For those who work in media and all who use the internet and social media for communications, that they are guided by their conscience, ethics and integrity to responsibly report the facts, not rumours, falsehoods or fake news.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For all of us, that as God forgives our past sinful ways, we should likewise extend that forgiveness to those 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, give us the courage, like Zacchaeus, to climb down from our trees of pride and sin, to repent and make amends and to seek your healing touch, so as to be transformed into your beloved children. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

The Gospel reminds us that we will always have a glorious future, as promised by Christ, when we will be filled with the vision of God's glory. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will always guide us with God's values.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will recognize that their purpose is to serve their people and to bring about peace and happiness throughout their nations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For people in the Middle East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together, that a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation may emerge.

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 always be guided by a spirit of love to be a source of comfort and hope to everyone we encounter.

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 and ever loving God, we pray for the faith and fortitude to always open our hearts to your love and to remember that no matter what we go through on Earth, your heavenly home awaits us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

As the liturgical year draws to a close, how do we cultivate a disposition that will be pleasing to God on the Day of Judgment? In the Gospel, Christ reminds us that we need to persevere in our practice of love, to see the good in and to serve and show compassion to others. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will be the beacon of hope that guides the faithful at times of darkness and confusion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For Christian world leaders, that through their words and deeds, they will manifest their Christian discipleship and be a source of inspiration to others.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the poor, that on this World Day of the Poor, may more people be made aware of their plight and needs, and demonstrate their love for them not by words but with deeds.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For all of us, especially the children in our parish, as they observe the closing of the catechetical year this weekend, that the Holy Spirit inspire all of us to be more passionate and persevering disciples, to help one another and to spiritually transform and renew our lives in 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, as we prepare for your Second Coming, may your love reign in our hearts and help us to persevere in doing and seeking good. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Ash Wednesday

Introduction

The season of Lent gives us the opportunity to take stock of our lives, repent of our sins and deepen our relationship with God, putting him at the centre of our lives. We pray:

- 1 For the Pope, his clergy and religious, that they will continue to demonstrate God's mercy and love to their 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 work tirelessly to promote justice, lasting peace and security, especially on the Indian Subcontinent and the Korean Peninsula.

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 believe in God and those who have strayed from him, may the Holy Spirit enlighten them, so that they will find their way to the Father.

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, our candidates and catechumens, that, with prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we will be reconciled with those with whom we have differences.

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, we pray that Lent will be a season of grace for us to be reconciled with you and with one another. Show us the way ahead in our preparations for Easter, as we place our lives in your loving and forgiving hands. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

1st Sunday in Lent

Introduction

As we begin our Lenten journey and especially whenever we face temptations, let us learn to be like Christ when he was tempted in the dessert and be guided by the Holy Spirit along the correct paths to holiness. Humbly, we pray:

1. For Pope Francis, on the forthcoming 6th Anniversary of his election as Pope, that he continues to shepherd Christ's flock to salvation.

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 their differences, respect the dignity of every human being, and work towards building lasting peace for all nations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For our catechumens and candidates, on their Rite of Election, that as they enter the last six weeks of preparation for their Baptism, may their journey be intensive and fruitful.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that we use these forty days of Lent as a time of reflection, evaluating the quality and directions of our lives, both as Christians and human beings.

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

Lord Jesus, your words are spirit and they are life. Grant us the grace to do your will by making sacrifices in service of others and to learn to praise, revere and serve you more fully. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Introduction

We are all called to be transformed into the image and likeness of Christ, by participating in his life, death and resurrection. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will continue to instruct the faithful to listen to voice of The Father in the Word, Liturgy and Sacraments.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of governments, may they be guided by God's wisdom to bring about changes for the benefit of their people and for world peace.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the conversion of sinners, that they may be granted the grace of repentance and come to know the unconditional and saving love of Christ.

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 pray together with our catechumens and candidates, at their First Scrutiny, to follow Christ by selfless living to help build the kingdom of heaven here on earth and share in his resurrection.

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, teach us how to listen to your voice, so that we will be transfigured and become worthy for your kingdom of heaven. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Introduction

The parable of the barren fig tree in the Gospel highlights Jesus' patience with each one of us. He calls us to conversion daily and gives us second chances. Grateful for our loving and compassionate God, we pray:

1. For all priests and religious, that their encounters with God will reignite their faith and zeal to be the salt and light to the world.

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 God will guide them to reduce racial discrimination 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 are suffering, that they may find strength and comfort through the Word of God and the sacraments of the Church

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 here, that we will continue to pray, encourage and support our Catechumens and Candidates on their second scrutiny, as they prepare for their coming baptism.

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 thank you for this time of grace to repent and reconcile with you. May our prayers, fasting and almsgiving reflect a true change of our hearts. We ask these through Christ, our Lord. Amen

4th Sunday of Lent

Introduction

Today, we celebrate God's ever willingness to forgive and grant salvation to each and every one of us, so long as we acknowledge our sin, repent and turn away from it. Humbly, we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, may feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected,

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 work together to stamp out senseless terrorism.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For our Elects, at their third scrutiny, that the light of Christ will shine in their hearts and dispel all fear and darkness as they look forward to their Baptism.

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 strengthen our resolve to hold fast to Christ and put God first above all things.

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

God of mercy and compassion, you are always willing to wait patiently for our return to you. Like the Prodigal Son, grant us the grace to acknowledge our sins and weaknesses, so that we can come back to your merciful and loving embrace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

5th Sunday Lent

Introduction

The Gospel parable teaches us to be forgiving, merciful, to repent our sins and not to judge others. Humbly we pray:

1. For our priests, that they remain strong and resolute in carrying out God's work, even in the face of adversities.

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 work together to fight terrorism, protect the environment and promote fair trade, so as to bring about a better world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save others, that they are blessed in all that they do.

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Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish, as we celebrate our 90th Anniversary, that we may continue to grow as a caring and welcoming community and a vibrant place of worship for all, treating one another with courtesy, kindness and respect.

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, you sent your son to teach us to be merciful, compassionate and forgiving towards sinners. Bless us with the grace to be more like him and to heed his call to repent our sins. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Introduction

God loves us beyond comprehension, for he sacrificed his only son, Jesus, for our salvation, so as to bring us peace, joy and everlasting life. In gratitude and humility, we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that this Holy Week will bring about true conversion and a commitment to repentance from past sins.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 2 For leaders of governments, that they will use their authority wisely to protect the poor and give priority to the needs of the most vulnerable 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 an end to slavery, that God may free victims from captivity by awakening hearts to their suffering and by bringing forth a new attitude in societies, which respects the dignity of each person.

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 in the parish, especially our Elects, that this Holy Week will open our hearts to experience God's great love for us and lead us all to a deeper relationship with him.

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 Christ, as we recall your passion and death for us, grant us the grace and conviction to embrace the way of the cross, to do your will with compassion and love, and, in witness to your glory. We ask this in your most precious name. Amen.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

(MAUNDY THURSDAY)

Introduction

At the Last Supper, Jesus demonstrated his unconditional love for us, by giving of himself in the symbols of bread and wine, and for our salvation. Through his washing of his disciples' feet, he teaches us that true discipleship means self sacrifice and service to others. Humbled, we pray:

- 1 For our priests and religious, that they may lead the faithful in Christ's command of brotherly love and service to all, with renewed zeal and fervour.

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 may be inspired to serve their people with greater humility and compassion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For those whose lives are dedicated to the service of others, that they will be given the strength and grace necessary for their work.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 4 For our parish family, and our Elects and Candidates, that we may embrace the true cost of discipleship and experience the joy and peace of the risen Christ this Easter.

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

Father, your Son Jesus Christ commanded us to love and serve one another. Help us to be faithful to this command. We ask this in his most holy name. Amen.

Easter Sunday

Introduction

Today we celebrate and joyfully proclaim to the world that Christ has risen and that we, and all the baptised, may have eternal life because of him. In praise and thanksgiving, we pray:

1. For the Church, that renewed by the glory of the Risen Lord, Pope Francis and his clergy will continue to lead and guide the faithful in truth and humility.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For all governments, that they may be enlightened to promote fairness, justice and compassion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the poor and oppressed and the terminally ill, that they may experience the blessings of the Easter season and be comforted and sustained with hope.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For the newly baptized, that filled with the spirit of God, they will grow in faith to become his true disciples and witnesses.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ of Redeemer, hear our prayer.

5. For all of us, that we may bring the Easter joy to every person and situation in our lives.

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, as we journey towards the resurrection you have promised, show us the way to live as children of the light and to encounter Christ in every member of the community. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, 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 confidence, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she may be instilled with the true meaning of our profession of faith and be guided to new life, as disciples of the Lord.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For governments, that they may promote good health practices in a world ravaged by war, poverty and greed.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all victims of senseless terrorism, especially the recent Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka, that they will find healing and peace through our Risen Lord.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community and in commemoration of the Feast of Divine Mercy, that we may grow in faith through regularly receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

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

God of light and hope, receive our prayers and fill us with your grace, 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

We have been called to God's kingdom of glory but the way to it is the way of the cross. Peter's rehabilitation in the Gospel passage also show us that Christ loves and accepts each one of us, with all our faults, if we repent and follow him. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that, like Peter, our priests and religious are mindful that their mission is founded on humble repentance and forgiveness, and an undying love for Christ and the care of his flock.

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 may be blessed with the wisdom to bring peace, justice and harmony to the nations they govern.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For our confirmands, that they will continue to be transformed and strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and remain steadfast in their journey of faith, with God and each other.

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 will always recognize the way of our Risen Lord and will love and serve him through our service to others.

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, at times of distress, darkness and humiliation, we pray for strength and resolve to persevere and do your will. We ask this in the name of our Risen Christ. Amen.

4th Sunday of Easter
(Good Shepherd / Vocations Sunday)

Introduction

Christ is our Good Shepherd. Let us heed his call to listen to his voice, while gratefully acknowledging his self-sacrificing love for us and allow him to show us the way to eternal life with him, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that Pope Francis and his bishops will faithfully shepherd, nourish and guide us to live the gospel values. .

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray. O Lord give us our love.

2. For world leaders, in a world of escalating political instability, that they will work together for true peace and social harmony for all peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray. O Lord give us our love.

3. For all men and women of faith, that many will be moved by the Holy Spirit to respond to the call for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, to fulfill the mission of the Church in building the Kingdom of God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: O Lord hear us we pray. O Lord give us our love.

4. For our parish community, especially for all mothers on Mother's Day, that amidst the many voices and sounds in the world, we will hear and be guided by the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to bring love to all.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: O Lord hear us we pray. O Lord give us our 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 our love.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, grant us the faith to hear the distinct voice of our Good Shepherd in our everyday lives, and, with prayer and reflection, be moved to live our lives in conformity with his will. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

5th Sunday of Easter

Introduction

Today's Gospel reminds us of the last commandment of Christ, which is to love one another as he has loved us. Let us celebrate the mystery of his love for us, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that her faithful will have the courage to become radical disciples, witnessing through their love for one another.

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 value the contributions of all workers, by caring for their welfare and safety.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who are suffering, that God will give them comfort and the strength to embrace the crosses in their lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, may everyone of us strive to be authentic witnesses of our faith, sharing the Easter joy with everyone we meet.

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, show us the way to become your true disciples, loving and helping one another. Grant us a strong faith, nurtured through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

6th Sunday Easter

Introduction

The Risen Christ has freed us from sin and promised us eternal life. He also sent the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) to instruct and guide us in all our decisions. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that the Holy Spirit will guide, sustain and help in the spread of the Gospel.

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 guide and govern their peoples with fairness and justice.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For journalists, that they are able to work freely and with integrity, so as to present the truth and facts in their reports.

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 turn to the Holy Spirit to remind us of God's ways and promises.

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 stay faithful to your ways and live in accordance with your will, so as to remain always in your love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

7th Sunday of Easter
(World Communications Sunday)

Introduction

The Gospel passage emphasizes the unity between God the Father and Christ his Son. It is a call to each one of us to heed Christ's call and will, and also a call to harmony and love. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that, through her teachings, she will guide her faithful to eternal life.

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 to resolve disputes, find new areas of co-operation and work untiringly for a just and lasting peace for their peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who use social media and other forms of instant communications, on this World Communications Sunday, may we heed the Pope's message to rebuild a network of face to face communications and relationships, not a network of wires.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish family, that we may become a community of prayer and loving support for one another.

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, strengthen the love that unites us as one with you and grant that we may know the peace and unity that is the sign of your presence. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen

Ascension of the Lord

Introduction

As we rejoice in Christ's ascension to heaven today, let us fulfill his parting instructions to evangelize and to spread his message of love, hope and salvation to the world. In obedience, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will continue to spread the Good News and guide us to do the same.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

2. For Heads of Governments, that they will strive to eliminate injustice and cooperate with one another to resolve conflicts and work for the common good.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

3. For all who are suffering, that God may lift them out of their difficulties and grant them peace, healing and comfort.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

4. For all of us, that when our earthly journey comes to an end, God will grant us eternal life in his kingdom.

Cantor: We pray to 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

Heavenly Father, Christ's Ascension demonstrates the triumph of love over evil. Blessed with the Holy Spirit, may every one of us preach his message of love, forgiveness and repentance to all. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen

Pentecost Sunday

Introduction

Today, at Pentecost, we commemorate God's sending of his Holy Spirit to the first apostles on the evening of Easter Sunday, to teach, guide, comfort, inspire and to help us, as we continue his work of salvation in the world. With joy and confidence, we pray:

1 For the Church, that the Spirit which founded the Church will breathe new life into and draw all believers together, with one mind and heart, in the service of others.

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 the Spirit may inspire them with wisdom, understanding and fortitude to help the poor, the needy and the marginalized in their societies.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3 For our priests, that, by their humility and the modest simplicity of their lives, they actively commit themselves in solidarity with the poor.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4 For the children in our parish community, as they begin their June holidays, and especially those who will be embarking on retreats to prepare for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, that the Spirit dwelling in their hearts will strengthen them in faith, hope and love.

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 Father, thank you for your gift of Pentecost. Send forth your Spirit into our hearts and help us to bring your love, peace, joy and forgiveness to make our world a better place. We ask this through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Trinity Sunday

Introduction

As we profess our faith that God in the Trinity is One, we ask him to fill us with his gifts and to endow us with wisdom, faith, hope and charity. In confidence, we pray:

1. For the Church, that the Holy Spirit preserves and guides the seminaries of her missionary Church to form pastors after the heart of Christ, totally dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel.

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 act with integrity and upright conscience, as they dialogue and negotiate peaceful and just solutions to current international disputes and conflicts.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all fathers, that they may have patience, perseverance, hope and love in bringing up their children and to be faithful husbands.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For all of us here, baptized in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we may always be mindful of our inheritance, as children of God, and be steadfast in our journey of faith and love.

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

In thanksgiving, we honour the most blessed Trinity and give glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, who dwells in our hearts and leads us to the complete truth, which is God himself. We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

Corpus Christi

Introduction

The Lord left us the Eucharist, as a loving memorial of his Passion and Death, and which provides us with nourishment in abundance for our pilgrimage here on earth. Blessed to be called to his supper, we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that priests and religious may remain faithful stewards of the mysteries of the Holy Eucharist, which the Lord entrusted to the apostles.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, bread of life, hear our prayer.

- 2 For world leaders, that they will do more to alleviate poverty and hunger, and promote peace in their countries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, bread of life, hear our prayer.

- 3 For the children receiving first Holy Communion, that they may be strengthened by Christ's physical presence and always treasure this meal of love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, bread of life, hear our prayer.

4. For our parish community, that we will cherish the Eucharist and live in communion with Christ, our source of eternal life.

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:

God of mercy and goodness, thank you for your abundant providence. Open our hearts and minds so that we may each, in turn, become the bread broken and shared for others. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Introduction

We celebrate this feast in honour of Mary, who is our model of faith, hope, trust and total obedience to God's will. May we unite our prayers with hers, as we offer our petitions:

1. For the Church, that we may be united in heart and soul, joined in continuous prayer with Mary, our mother.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

2. For world leaders, that they work towards a more equal distribution of resources in helping to alleviate poverty and illiteracy.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

3. For all women, in their diverse cultural backgrounds, that they may be treated with respect and dignity, in their roles as daughters, wives and mothers.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

4. For our parish community, that each one of us take our Blessed Mother as our role-model, to become faithful disciples of the Lord.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

Conclusion

As we honour our Blessed Mother today, we pray for strength and guidance to follow her example of humility, obedience, total self-giving and absolute trust in God, and, through her intercession, may we too one day merit to enter God's kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ALL SAINTS

Introduction

Today, the entire Church on earth, together with the angels in heaven, remembers the ordinary men and women who have loved God and neighbour fully in their lives, and who now rejoice in eternal praise and worship of God. Together with the saints in heaven, we pray:

1. For the Church, that bishops, priests and religious lead with zeal, by word and example, to bring all the faithful to Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders and governments, that God grant them wisdom to rule with integrity and justice, and to work for peace and harmony.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who face hardship, difficulties or are overburdened, that they receive the grace to embrace the Beatitudes, and to bear their crosses with faith, hope and love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that we do God's will by spending more time in prayer and helping one another.

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

Lord God, we thank you for the multitude of saints in heaven, who, by their lives and example, show us the way to heaven. By their intercessions, may we too share in their eternal joy with you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

All Souls Day

Introduction

From the readings we have just heard, Christ's mission is clear: he has come to seek and save the sinful, the despised and the "lost". However, as we remember, today, our departed loved ones, fill us with the joyful assurance that they have been raised from the dead, we pray:

1. For the Church, that your people in bereavement may find renewed strength from your Word, and healing and peace from your loving presence.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, grant us your eternal salvation.

2. For Heads of Governments, that they uphold the rule of law at all times and ensure that any forms of violence are dealt with firmly and speedily, to maintain peace and order in their countries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, grant us your eternal salvation.

3. For those forgotten souls in Purgatory, that they may be comforted in the assurance that they may enjoy eternal life.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, grant us your eternal salvation.

4. For all of us, that we may be blessed to age gracefully and, when the time comes, to accept our last days with peace and calm.

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

Loving Father, strengthen our faith so we know with confidence that when our earthly journey ends, we will be received into your kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Feast Day of St Therese of the Child Jesus

Introduction

Today, as we celebrate the life and memory of St Therese, our Patron Saint, may we always believe, as she did, in your unfailing love for us, as we strive to follow her example of total devotion and service to you. In joyful hope, we pray:

1. For the Church, that we will always be conscious of God's presence with us and look forward to the fulfillment of his promises, with "child-like" trust and expectancy.

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 inspire them with new insights to bring justice for all the oppressed and to establish peace and good order.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For missionaries, that God will protect and fruitfully guide them to 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 our trials, sufferings and humiliations to come to know ourselves better, and, in so doing, come to love God more.

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 the prayers of the people you have gathered here and awaken the "child" in each one of us, so that we may live our lives in "child-like" faith and trust in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Chinese New Year

Introduction

As we celebrate this new Year of the Pig, a sign of abundance and total commitment, may the Holy Spirit strengthen our zeal to love and serve God with all our hearts, soul and mind. With confidence, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she continues to be a sign of peace, hope and love to all nations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that God may guide them to govern their nations with wisdom, justice and integrity.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who face new beginnings and challenges in the year ahead, 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, together with our candidates and catechumens, that we will always seek God's will in our lives and be living testimonies of his love.

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, you are the origin and goal of all creation. Help us to dedicate our lives to you and to trust in your providence for all our needs. We ask these in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen