

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

1st Sunday of Advent

Introduction

This weekend, we begin the new season of Advent. As we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ at Christmas, let us heed the call to be alert, vigilant and to change the way we live our lives, so as to be ready for his Second Coming. With humble hearts we pray:

1. For the rejuvenation of Catholic faith in Singapore, that Catholics here may constantly encounter and deepen their relationship with God, to bring hope, peace and joy into the world through their lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

2. For world leaders, that they put aside all personal agendas and make a concerted effort to foster peace, especially on the Korean peninsula.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

3. For those afflicted by AIDS, that a cure will be found for the disease in the near future and that they will receive the moral and financial support of their families and friends.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

4. For all Catholics in Singapore who have drifted away from the Church, especially those from our parish, may God guide them back into the welcoming arms of believers and may the community reach out to them with courage and love.

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, we do not know the day nor the hour, but we place our faith and trust in you, the potter of our lives, to shape our hearts to do your will and guide us to your promised kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Introduction

In this season of Advent, we are challenged to a conversion of heart and mind, and to reflect on and make the necessary changes in how we live our lives, to prepare the way for the Lord, both at Christmas and at his Second Coming. With humble and contrite hearts, we pray:

1. For the Church, that we heed the call of John the Baptist, and may the Pope, his clergy and religious point the way for us to a more tender and loving relationship with Jesus.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

2. For world leaders, that they speak out and take concrete and effective action to alleviate the plight and sufferings of all who are deprived of basic human rights, especially the Rohingya people.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

3. For those who are oppressed because of whatever difficulties, may they, through the generosity and compassion of Christians, look to the coming of the child Jesus with great hope, peace and joy.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

4. For all of us here in the parish, that in this season of Advent, we will make adequate preparation to invite the Lord personally into our lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Come. Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

5. We pray for our personal intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to welcome the Advent message of God's love and peace, and to embrace true repentance, so that we can receive Jesus fully when he comes and proclaim the Good News to all who do not yet know him. We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

3rd Sunday of Advent

Introduction

We mark Gaudete Sunday today, the midpoint of our Advent journey. May we emulate the example of John the Baptist to point the way to Christ by the way we live our lives. With joy and gratitude, we pray.

1. For the Church, that through her priests, religious and laity, she may reflect the love and compassion of Christ to all whom they meet.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

2. For world leaders, that they put aside pride and other agenda to work towards lasting global peace, especially in view of the rising tensions in the Middle East and on the Korean peninsula.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

3. For all migrants, that God may lead them to new communities, where they will find acceptance, opportunity and safety.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

4. For our parish community, that we may recognize and appreciate the love and support of our family members, friends, and all who are significant in our lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, you delight in the salvation of your people. Guide us in your love, so that we may turn away from sin and become your worthy disciples. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

4th Sunday Advent

Introduction

As Advent draws to a close, let us reflect on Mary's special role in God's plan for our salvation. The story of the Annunciation reveals how the Word of God came alive through her response to God's call. In humility and trust, we pray:

1. For the Church that all priests and religious will abide by their vows to live out their faith in obedience to their vocations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

2. For world leaders, that they be guided by God's wisdom to make just decisions for the good of their peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

3. For the elderly, that sustained by their families and the Christian community, they may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

4. For our parish community, together with our catechumens and candidates, that we will rely on God, as Mary did, in total trust and obedience, to overcome times of distress and challenges in our lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus, Maranatha

Conclusion

Almighty God, fill each one of us with the grace and courage to be open to accept your will for our lives and to be ready to serve you when you call. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRISTMAS

a. Introduction

God sent his only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to live among us, save us from sin and to show us the way to salvation. With the heavenly host of angels, we joyfully welcome the Word Made Flesh, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that the clergy, religious and laity continue to evangelise and bring the good news of peace, hope, joy and love to all.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they administer their duties with justice and truth, with special care for the needy and the marginalized.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that we radiate the light and peace of Christ in our words and actions, by showing love, care and respect for one another.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

c. Conclusion

Heavenly Father, may we, in imitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, treasure the wonderful gift of your son, as our Emmanuel, God-with-us. He gives us the grace to be faithful to you and to give you the praise and glory that you so rightly deserve. We make this prayer through Christ, your Son. Amen.

Holy Family

Introduction

We are called to emulate the Holy Family as the model of Christian faith, love and devotion. Let us remember that a relationship like theirs has to be nurtured over a lifetime of care, patience and love. Show us the way, we pray:.

1. For the Church, that through the zealous efforts and leadership of her priests, the faithful will be inspired to put God's word into action.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders in Government, that they put aside self interest and work hard to build better lives for their people.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

5. For those in despair, may their miseries and difficulties end with the passing year, and may joy and comfort come their way in the new year.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For all families, together with our candidates and catechumens, that God will guide our young children and keep them away from bad influences and elements in society.

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.

d. Conclusion

Heavenly Father, bless us with the wisdom and strength to build our own families based on the God-centred values of the Holy Family and bless our families with the same unity, peace and love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
(New Year's Day)

Introduction

We start the New Year, honouring Mary, the Holy Mother of our Saviour, who is our model of the perfect disciple. May we emulate her faith, hope and love, as we pray:

6. For the Church, that our priests and religious lead by example as they preach and share the Gospel and its values.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

7. For world leaders, that they work together to promote peace, justice and religious harmony.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

8. For all peoples, that they may grow in harmony and peace, through mutual understanding and respect.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

9. For all of us in the parish community, together with our catechumens and candidates, that we may be bringers of peace and joy.

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

Loving Father, you have given us the Blessed Virgin Mary as our mother. Strengthen us with your love to be your worthy sons and daughters. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Epiphany

Introduction

Epiphany means manifestation. The Magi represent sincere seekers for the truth. Through them, Jesus' presence is revealed to us and the world. Knowing that he is with us, we joyfully pray:

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 2 For world leaders, that they will work together for the greater good of all and for the peace that eludes us still.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For all catechists, that they will continue to spread your love and Good News to the children and youth of today.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 5 We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

6. Conclusion

Heavenly Father, you have revealed to us your eternal plan of salvation and showed yourself to be the light for all peoples. May we stay centred on you so as to receive the promised eternal life when our time comes. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Baptism of the Lord

Introduction

Lord Jesus, you are the Father's beloved Son, and the light of the nations. With steadfast love and renewed confidence, we pray:

1. That the Church will continue to guide us and help us to grow in faith, hope and love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. That world leaders will recognize that they are important instruments in bringing justice to all whom they lead.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. That the unemployed or those facing other adversities, may see Christ's goodness and light, and be shown the way to overcome their challenges.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. That our parish community upholds our baptismal promises, and continue to be His witnesses to glorify His name

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

5. That our catechumens will be inspired by the celebration of our Lord's Baptism to a greater awareness of God, the Saviour.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Praying for our own intentions

We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Beloved son to be our Lord and Saviour. Keep us faithful to our baptismal calling, and use us as your instruments to bring your Good news to all whom we meet. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
World Day for Migrants & Refugees

Introduction

God is constantly calling to each of us personally and by name. Like Samuel, let us respond to his call with great joy and transform our lives to do his will. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that Pope Francis and his clergy may, like Eli, St Paul and John the Baptist, guide the faithful to recognize the voice of God and to follow it.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will work for the greater protection and integration of migrants and refugees, especially unaccompanied minors.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For those who struggle with racism and violence, like the Rohingya, may the new year bring renewed hope and an alleviation of their plight.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For ourselves as a parish community, and the children resuming their Catechism classes, that each one of us may respond to Jesus' call to "Come and see" and in-turn evangelize and point him to 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 comewe

Conclusion

Almighty God, all glory and honour is yours. Show us the way to accept your invitation to share our lives with you through prayer and to put ourselves at your service. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

Christ calls us to repent, change our ways, believe in the Good News and live for the kingdom of God. In humble obedience, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she continues to seek unity with our divided brethren and guide her people away from sin to the way of Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will be inspired to lead their peoples selflessly, as Christ did.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the poor and all who are suffering, that the Lord will bring relief to their tribulations, as surely as how all things of the world pass away.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For ourselves as a parish community, together with our candidates and catechumens. that we realize our sins, and turn to God in faith and with confidence in his mercy.

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, may we never lose ourselves in the pursuit of passing worldly goods, but always seek the way to your kingdom and to you. We make these petitions through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

We are reminded that Jesus is the Son of God and that he speaks God's words. It is a call to us to listen to and faithfully follow his teachings despite challenges, obstacles or hostility, as this is the way to salvation. With minds and hearts open to accept his teachings, we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that the Pope and his clergy are led by the Holy Spirit to teach with authority, like Jesus did in the synagogue.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 2 For leaders, especially in Asia, that they allow Christians and other religious minorities to practise their faiths freely.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For each one of us, that we are reminded that when we feel self-centred, self-righteous, revenge, greed or anger, it is the voice of evil that we are encountering and we should embrace Christ's teaching to love our neighbour as ourselves.

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 community, together with our catechumens and candidates, that we set aside time to read and reflect on the word of God daily and to pray.

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, at our baptism, we are called to be priest, prophet and king. As your prophets, guide us as we go about our daily lives so that the words that come from our lips and our actions bear witness to your saving love and compassion as we help to build your kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Lord Jesus, your mission was to make God the Father known and to proclaim his kingdom of love here on earth. As we are called to share in this mission, we pray:

1. For the Church, that the Holy Spirit continues to inspire bishops, priests and religious with the zeal for preaching the gospel with love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of nations, that God will grant them wisdom and guide them to implement decisions for peace and humanitarian justice.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who are called to serve in religious and consecrated life, that they will be constant in fervor and renewed in spirits, as they experience the joys of their vocation

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 community, together with our catechumens and candidates, that, like Christ, we will be faithful and consistent in prayer and effective witnesses to spread the Good News. .

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, transform us so that we can fully share in the mission of your Son and for your Spirit to lead us to build your kingdom here on earth. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

Christ took the pain of the leper, just as he took away our sins for us. When St Paul calls us to imitate Christ, we are called to follow his example of self-sacrifice in service of others, in order to bring joy, hope and to give without counting the costs, as we pray:

- 5 For the Church, that through her priests, religious and laity, she may manifest God's love and compassion to all, especially the downtrodden and the outcasts.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 6 For governmental and civil leaders, that they may be good stewards of the resources under their care and use them to serve their peoples, especially the vulnerable and marginalized.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 7 For the sick, that they may receive the strength, courage and hope that comes from knowing how much God loves and cares for them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 8 For ourselves as a parish community, together with our candidates and catechumens, that we may always welcome and offer hospitality to all who enter our doors.

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, heal us of the leprosy of selfishness, injustice and indifference, and show us the way to become whole again and to live our lives in your love and compassion. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Merciful Father, we praise and bless you for forgiving us our sins again and again. Help us to be worthy of your love, as we pray.

1. That through the teachings of the Church we may be inspired to forgive, be more tolerant and loving towards one another.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. That world leaders practise social justice through a more equitable distribution of the world's goods.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. That the sick, poor and lonely have faith and hope in God's love, mercy and compassion

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. That Catholics as children of God love and help those in need.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Praying for our own intentions

We now 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, we thank you for loving us. Help us to have greater faith in you to love and forgive one another as you have shown us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Merciful Father, we thank you for your love in saving us. Help us to listen to your voice and follow you. We pray.

1 That the Church continues to teach that God is compassion and love

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. That world leaders make life meaningful for their citizens by instilling moral values.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. That the people experiencing human misery may have the comfort of food, shelter, justice and peace.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. That we Catholics be always glad to have God with us and live as brothers and sisters in Christ

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Praying for our own intentions

We now pray for our own intentions...

Conclusion

Lord Jesus, thank you for making us your children. Help us to live our lives totally in you, to be united with you and one another, so that we may be ready when we leave our earthly home. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

God gave us his covenant that we are his beloved children. He reminds us to keep our baptismal promise to believe in him and keep his commandments. Asking him to be our Strength and Refuge, we pray.

1. For church leaders, that they may strive to make Christ known through their love and understanding towards other religions.

We pray to the Lord

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

2. For those in positions of authority, that they may exercise proper use of the power vested upon them.

We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all missionaries, that they be guided by Mary's maternal affection just as she accompanied the apostles in the early church.

We pray to the Lord.

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

- 4 For all of us that we recognise the Sabbath to be a holy day.

We pray to the Lord.

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

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

We pray to the Lord.

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

Conclusion

We come before you O Lord, as pilgrims on earth, and ask that You bless us with the courage and confidence to take on life's challenges. Be with us as we try to listen to your call to love one another and to do your will, all for the greater glory of Your Kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

God, our Father offers us the promise of an everlasting home with him in heaven if we keep his holy will. Let us turn to him for strength, as we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that God will bless and keep all her priests close to his heart and to be faithful shepherds to their flocks, in the image and example of Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 2 For World Peace, that the highly anticipated summit meeting between the US and Korea, to be held within our parish boundaries next Tuesday, will yield fruitful results and enhanced peace and security for Asia and the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For all who are troubled by matters which they cannot control, that they are reminded that such earthly trials are minor compared to the glory that is to come in heaven.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 4 For each one of us in this faith community, that our every thought, word and action may be in accord with God's will.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

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

- 5 We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, grant us the grace to be more like Christ and to follow his lead. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

11th Sunday Ordinary Time

Introduction

Today's Gospel gives us a glimpse of what the kingdom of God is like and how a mustard seed of faith can grow into a life of abundance. May we be open to God's grace to sustain and to help us grow in our faith. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all her faithful will grow in love and unity to build God's kingdom on earth.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For World Peace, that the mustard seed sown at the summit in Singapore a few days ago may bear much fruit.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all fathers and godfathers, may they be God-fearing role models to their children and godchildren.

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 grow in humility and learn to serve one another with Christian 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, keep us focused on your heavenly kingdom and to seek a closer relationship with you, through your Word and the sacraments. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

12 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Lord, we thank you for being with us as we encounter storms in our lives. Increase our faith, to be worthy of your goodness and love, as we place our petitions before you. We pray:

1. That the Church constantly reminds her people of God's covenant with us, that we are the sons and daughters of the Father.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear us.

2. That leaders of Catholic nations continue to grow in love and wisdom through the Eucharist.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear us.

3. That the sick and suffering be sustained with strength by the Bread of Life.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear us.

4. That we in this parish community share God's love with others.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear us.

5 Praying for our own intentions

We now pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear us.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your unconditional love. May we be strengthened in our faith to turn to you in the challenges we have to face, and trust that you will help us in our need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DRAFT
Prayers of the Faithful
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Sat 20/06/09, Sun 21/06/09)

Introduction

Lord Jesus, save us from the storms and evil in the world and protect us in your love. Together, as God's children, and knowing that you are with us, we pray:

1. That Church leaders continue to work towards the unity of all Christians in the peace and love of Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. That world leaders work together to break down the barriers of racial and social prejudice, and poverty in the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. That the marginalized, poor, needy and suffering may have faith in the unconditional love of God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. That all of us in this community grow in faith to pray for strength to deal with difficulties that come our way.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Praying for our own intentions

We now pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Conclusion

Loving Father, your love for us is boundless and all encompassing. Give us the strength and courage to be always faithful despite having to face trials and tribulations in our journey in life. Keep us eager to serve you and our neighbour. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Prayers of the Faithful
Peter and Paul, Apostles
(Thu 29/6/03)

Introduction

Lord, the apostles Peter and Paul placed their trust and love in you when you commissioned them to spread the message of your love throughout the world. Let us now pray that we continue their work.

1. For our pope, bishops, priests and ministers, that they remain faithful to their vocations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders, that they be guided by the Light of Christ to allow all Christians the freedom to worship.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For those hurt or oppressed, that they be strengthened by their belief in a loving Father.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For our parish community, that we, like the apostles, remain true to our faith.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Praying for our own intentions

In silence, we now pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Father, your unconditional love for Sts Peter and Paul fills our hearts with joy. Help us through their example to inspire others to accept you as their Lord. . We ask this in the Name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The Gospel reveals Jesus' divine power over disease and death and reminds us that we follow a God who restores, and raises the dead to life again. In faith and hope, we pray:

1. For the Church, that, through the Gospel and the Sacraments, she may advocate the practice of faith, hope and charity.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For the world, that countries with surpluses in resources will share with those less fortunate.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the youth, that young people may find time to reflect on their vocations, through spiritual discernment, to understand their roles as witnesses for God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For ourselves as a parish community, may we have the grace to know that God's love is manifest in the way we relate to 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

God of life, grant us the grace that we may walk in the light of Christ and not in the darkness of hatred and sin, so as to arise, live and love again. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
(Bible Sunday)

Introduction

Jesus is rejected by his own people, who had once accepted him, when he returned to Nazareth. This change causes him much grief. We are called to examine our conscience and to renew our faith in him. In obedience, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she continue to guide and nurture her people in listening to the word of God and putting it into practice.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will remain humble in their service of their peoples.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the poor and those who are suffering, that they keep faith that the Lord will bring relief to their trials.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, and especially our Lectors who are being recommissioned this weekend, that each one of us will use the Bible as guiding posts in our lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Conclusion

Almighty God, may we always remain humble and to faithfully put our trust in you. Give us the grace to heed your voice and respond to your call as we find strength in our weaknesses. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

Just as Amos was called by the Lord and responded, God also calls each one of us to carry on his mission here on earth. Like the first disciples, we should respond and place all our trust in his divine providence and have faith that he will supply all we that need for this. Humbly we pray :

7. For the Church, that she follows Christ's teachings with greater zeal, to preach repentance, cast aside sinfulness and cure those who are sick in body, mind and soul.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

8. For leaders of nations, that they work together to build a better and more environmentally friendly world, by reducing waste, carbon emissions and promoting the use of environmentally friendly products and equipment.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

9. For priests who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, that they will find help and comfort through their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

10. For our parish, that more parishioners will come forward to offer their talents to build a more vibrant parish 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, grant us the grace to put our fears, doubts and inadequacies aside and to seek ways to help others to come to know you. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Like a true shepherd, Jesus gathers us with great care and compassion. He reveals to us the love of God, the Father, and teaches us to how to seek him. Confident that he will hear us, we pray:

1. For the Church, that the Holy Spirit will endow all priests and religious with a total commitment to lead the people with love and compassion, building God's kingdom of wisdom, justice and truth.

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 blessed with the will and wisdom to work towards dialogue and reconciliation with one another, to bring about peace and justice in the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For racial harmony in the world, that all peoples respect and promote cultural, racial and traditional differences, to build a peaceful, harmonious and global society.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that we strive to be a loving family, caring for one another, and with Christ as our source of true unity 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

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to experience Jesus' compassionate love for others, especially the weak and the defenceless, and empower us to build your kingdom of love here on earth. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

When God gives, he gives abundantly, just as when he fed the five thousand. Let us now turn to our Heavenly Father with confidence, recognizing his remarkable generosity and great kindness to us. We pray:

10. For the Church, that all Christians, brought into one Body and one Spirit, through Baptism, may grow in unity and charity.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

11. For world leaders, that they will implement policies promoting justice and peace for their peoples, especially the poor and needy.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

12. For all who yearn for freedom, especially those caught in human trafficking, that God will free them from captivity, and heal and restore them to their loved ones.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

13. For all our brothers and sisters in this parish, that we may recognise and appreciate God's gift of life in one another and honour his presence in each other, with care and respect.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

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

14. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, you satisfy the deepest longings in our hearts with the true bread of heaven. Give us generous hearts to freely share with others what you have given to us. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals that he is the bread of life. May our hearts be enlightened to experience Jesus' gift of himself to us in the Eucharist. In gratitude and love, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all priests and religious will strengthen their faith by building an intimate relationship with Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For the leaders of Singapore, as we prepare to celebrate our National Day, that God will bless them with the grace to lead our nation with integrity and wisdom.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For nurses and health care workers, that they will be compassionate bearers of Christ's love to patients in their care.

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 sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and grow in deeper communion with 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, remove our spiritual blindness and give us the grace to seek only Jesus, as our source of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the Bread of Life and that we who partake of his flesh at the Eucharist shall have eternal life. With grateful hearts, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will encourage and promote daily prayer as a means to bring us closer to 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 work together to end poverty in all forms, especially in lesser developed countries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For families, that God will guide the decisions of economists and politicians to protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For ourselves as a parish community, that we may reach out to those who are closed to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and draw them to the faith through our loving 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

Almighty God, we thank you for reaching out to us, nourishing, sustaining, teaching and drawing us near. May we, in turn, reach out to others by loving as Christ loves us. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

In the Gospel, Jesus promises eternal life to all who eat his flesh and drink his blood. When we partake of the consecrated bread and wine at communion, we are called to embrace God and his will, which is to live a life of love, compassion and sacrifice in service of others. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she continues to be the role -model helping and guiding her people to get to know Christ better.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, may they have the wisdom to develop policies to help the oppressed and the most vulnerable. .

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the poor and those suffering from any form of slavery, that they keep faith that the Lord will bring them relief.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For ourselves as a parish community, that we live our lives sensibly and in communion with God, helping those who are in need.

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, may we always seek Jesus, our Bread of life, for our spiritual nourishment and strive to be worthy of our promised inheritance in heaven. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

21st Sunday of the Year

Introduction

The Lord God picked St Paul to be his missionary to the Gentiles, and used him to remind us to give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Despite our sinfulness and iniquities, we humbly pray:

1. For the Pope, that God will grant him good health, strength and wisdom.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders and leaders of the Church, that God will be their very foundation of love and inspiration.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For non-believers in Christ, that they learn to accept the mysteries that cannot be comprehended by human intellect.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For ourselves, that we will answer the call to follow Christ who has the message of eternal life.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Praying for our own intentions

We now pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Lord, you are the head of the Church who submits to you. Let us do our part to live the way you want us to, to love one another as a husband loves his wife and vice versa. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

Christ spurs us on towards greater harmony between our faith and our outward behavior. We should not get lost in the unimportant things but instead focus on love. In faith, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she continues to push for Christian unity, as the key to evangelization.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

2. For world leaders, that they seriously adopt measures to bring about justice and equality in their countries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

3. For volunteers, that they may give of themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

4. For our parish community, that we may listen to the Word and put into practice what we have been taught.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Merciful God, grant us clean hearts that desires to love and please you alone and to put your word and commandments into practice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Catholic Education Sunday)

Introduction

God treats all of us equally and with kindness and compassion. In turn, he calls us to treat one another in the same way. In gratitude, we pray:

1. For the Church, that our Catholic schools will continue to provide our young with an education that nourishes the mind, body and soul, so as 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.

2. For leaders in governments, that they will not hinder our Catholic educators from nurturing and anchoring our children in faith and knowledge, so as to meet the needs and demands of an ever-changing world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For Catholic parents, that they will partner our Catholic schools to help our children grow to become faithful disciples of Christ, so as to give our world a better tomorrow.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish, that all who come to this community of faith for worship and service will experience the love of Christ and a warm welcome.

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 made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May we always listen to your promptings, proclaim your glory and be guided to live according to your will, in loving sacrifice in service of those in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The Gospel reminds us that to follow Christ, we must be prepared to take up our cross. This means to live according to his Word and will, making constant sacrifices lovingly, while dying to self in service of others. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all priests and religious are filled with the grace to take on this radical discipleship, to be fitting role models for us.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that all in positions of power and authority will work towards democracy, ensuring the individual rights of each citizen.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the homeless and jobless, that they may soon see a solution to their problems.

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 have the grace and conviction to live out our faith and the courage to overcome any persecutions along the way.

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, we thank you for your Word which speaks to our hearts. Continue to give us the faith we need and stir in us the zeal to bring your love to others. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

God accepts us as we are, even though we continuously test his patience with all our faults, like the disciples in the Gospel. Christ calls each one of us to be servant leaders, making self sacrifices in service of others, as we build his kingdom. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that, she will be able to bring the Good News of the Gospel to all, especially those who have turned a deaf ear to it.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of nations in conflict, may they have the good sense to negotiate a peaceful solution to their problems.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For those who are sick and in need of care, may they be blessed with caregivers who are attentive to their needs and can give them comfort.

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 make good use of our God-given talents by volunteering in the various Church ministries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

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

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, help us to heed your call to change and grant us the faith and conviction to bear our crosses and to learn how to love our neighbour as unconditionally as parents love their children. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

26th Sunday of the Year

Introduction

Lord, you gave us the prophets to show us the Way to you. Give us the faith to resist evil and bear witness to you in our daily lives. We humbly bring our petitions before you:

1. That the Church will continue to provide prophets who are rich in wisdom and holiness, and ready to defend the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. That world leaders will be a light for their nations and lead with honesty and integrity.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. That those in need will be comforted and strengthened by your mercy and love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. That our community will be witnesses of your love, as we serve one another through the various ministries of the parish.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Praying for our own intentions

We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Lord, your love is boundless despite our weaknesses. Let us all be witnesses of your love and lead others to the truth. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The Gospel reminds us of the importance of marriage and of family. Jesus himself teaches us that men and women are intended to be joined together in marriage, and, together with their children, Christian families bear witness to the Kingdom of God. With renewed conviction, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will continue to guide her people to nurture and to love and respect their families.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of nations, that they will be given the wisdom to uphold the sanctity of marriage and of life, and not bow to populist pressures.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For little children everywhere, may their child-like faith and complete trust in God continue to shape and form their attitudes in life.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, may we work towards becoming one holy and united family of God, helping and supporting each other in times of need.

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, may we strive to emulate the example of the Holy Family, to create an atmosphere of love and respect within our families and to in-turn show it to others. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

King Solomon won God's favour and blessing when he prayed for the gift of wisdom. The Gospel teaches us today that following Christ rather than accumulating material possessions is what will lead us to eternal life. With humility and trust in God's wisdom, we pray :

11. For the Church, that consecrated men and women and the laity make the extra effort to be present among the poor, the marginalised and those who have no voice.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

12. For leaders of nations, that they show empathy towards refugees and collaborate with one another to find peaceful solutions for the good of all.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

13. For the victims of natural disasters, especially those affected by the floods in Kerala, the earthquakes and tsunami in Sulawesi and other parts of Indonesia, may God grant them hope, as well as the grace and resilience needed to rebuild their lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

14. For all who are displaced from or caught in areas of conflict in Africa, the Middle East and in the Rakhine State of Myanmar, may they find safe refuge and continue to remain steadfast amidst adversities.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

15. For our parish community, may we open our hearts and reach out to our neighbours, especially the refugees and disaster victims around the world, to show them the love of Christ and give them hope for a better future.

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 wisdom and compassion to make the right choices on our earthly journey and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to make your love the foundation of our lives and putting the welfare of others ahead of ourselves. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

Our Lord Jesus came to show us the way to the Father. He suffered and died in the total self-giving of himself to redeem us from our sins. With confidence in his great love and mercy, we pray:

1. For Pope Francis, that the Holy Spirit will lead him, his bishops and clergy, in an authentic renewal of the Church, to meet the challenges of the 21st century

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of nations, that they serve their citizens with dedication, sincerity and compassion, in the spirit of Christian servitude.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the United Nations celebrating its 73rd year, that it continues to foster global cooperation to bring about peace, alleviate poverty, and build mutual understanding among nations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that, like Christ, we may grow to serve God and love our neighbour with complete self-giving.

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, fill us with the spirit of Christ so that we can share in his mission to love and serve one another in humility and compassion, to build the kingdom of God here on earth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Introduction

Like the blind man, Bartimaeus, in the Gospel, may we have his persistence, faith and courage to seek Jesus and to present our needs to him. We pray.

16. For the Church, that her light will continue to be a beacon of hope and love for us in periods of personal darkness.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

17. For leaders of nations, that God will guide their efforts to find peaceful and lasting resolutions to the nuclear challenges of today.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

18. For the sick and suffering in our parish, that God may bring healing and renewal in body, mind and spirit to them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

19. For ourselves, that we may have the gift of listening and sensitive hearts, and never ignore or try to silence those who cry out for assistance.

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 God, help us to put aside our spiritual blindness to see and recognize your will for us in the needs of our brothers and sisters around us, and to respond to them. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

In the Gospel today, Jesus teaches us the two most important commandments, which are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves. In humility, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all priests and religious will always draw strength from the Lord in challenging times and remain faithful and obedient disciples of Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will serve with justice and seek peaceful resolutions to alleviate poverty in their nations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who work for God's kingdom, that they will value integrity and truth, always ensuring responsible reporting and accountability for all matters under their care.

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 have the grace to learn to love God in loving 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

God, our Father, may we be courageous witnesses of our faith by living out your commandments to love God and neighbour through our actions. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

The two widows in the readings today teach us what it means to give generously and to have complete trust in God always, especially in times of misfortune and despair. Humbly we pray:

1. For Church leaders, that they will be committed to promoting inter-religious harmony through dialogue and mutual understanding with leaders of other religions.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of nations, that they will always be guided by the language of love and dialogue instead of the language of conflict.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the poor and all who are suffering, that the Lord will bring relief to their misery.

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, as faithful bearers of Christ's Word, we reach out and share his Word with those who do not know him.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

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

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, help us to imitate the selfless generosity of the two poor widows, who gave all that they had. Open our hearts to feel the plight of our less fortunate brothers and sisters and give us the grace to help them according to their needs. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

As we contemplate Christ's second coming at the end of time, we are reminded to be watchful and ready but with confidence in his assurance that he will gather all his faithful to his promise of eternal life in heaven. Humbly we pray:

1. For the Church, that Pope Francis will continue to guide the faithful to be prepared for the end of time.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will work together to provide all peoples with equal opportunities to fulfil their basic human needs for shelter, clothing and food.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the poor, on this World Day of the Poor, that we may heed Pope Francis' call "to make tangible the Church's response to the cry of the poor" so that they will not feel alone or abandoned.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that we choose to live as witnesses to Christ and work towards his call to serve our brothers and sisters.

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, continue to shepherd and guide us as we make our journey of faith to our heavenly home. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Solemnity of Christ the King

Introduction

On this last day of the liturgical year, we celebrate Christ as King. He is God's anointed one and is our way and our truth, and he will lead us to eternal life. With grateful hearts, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will continue to lead her people to emulate Jesus' example of humility and forgiveness.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ our Redeemer, hear our prayer.

2. For leaders of nations, that they will have the wisdom to prioritize and make decisions for the good of their people.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ our Redeemer, hear our prayer.

3. For all Christians, that through our lives, we may be beacons of truth to others, witnessing for our faith.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ our Redeemer, hear our prayer.

4. For our parish community, that we will support each other in our journey as Christ's disciples, no matter the trials.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ our Redeemer, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Christ our Redeemer, hear our prayer.

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, as we reflect on Christ's kingship, help us not to be trapped by earthly values but to strive for his teachings, compassion, humility and forgiveness, so as to merit a place in his heavenly kingdom. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Lord and King. Amen

ALL SAINTS

Introduction

We celebrate the victory of God and his protection to all who pass through suffering. In thanksgiving, we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that her clergy, religious and faithful will, through the examples of the Saints, work to bring about the greater glory of your kingdom.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 2 For leaders in government, that guided by your wisdom, they will exercise more compassion for the under-privileged and bring about a more caring society.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For those who are self-centred or who are inseparable from their electronic gadgets, that they will spend more time in prayer and in the service of others.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 4 For all of us, that we may do your will by sharing the values of the Gospel and the social teachings of the church with others.

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 Beatitudes and the assurance that if we pray, love and help one another, as you taught us to, our rewards will be great in heaven. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

All Souls Day

Introduction

Our Lord Jesus Christ conquered death and returned to heaven in glory. Today, as a community of faithful disciples, rekindled with hope and trust in the promise of eternal life, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she may continue to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, that they may be loosed from their sins.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, grant us your eternal salvation.

2. For leaders in authority, that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, they will strive to avoid fighting among nations and the loss of human lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, grant us your eternal salvation.

3. For those who mourn the loss of their loved ones, that they will find consolation that God in his mercy will look lovingly on the souls of the departed.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, grant us your eternal salvation.

4. For all of us in the parish, that we may deepen our relationship with and centre our lives on Christ, through sacrifice, acts of kindness and forgiveness for others.

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, have mercy on all those who have died and bring them to your joyful banquet in heaven. We look forward to the day when your kingdom will be our all in all. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Ash Wednesday

Introduction

As we begin the season of Lent, we are exhorted to examine our lives, repent, do penance and believe in the gospel. With a spirit of self-denial, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will always be a haven for all in need, where they will be comforted by God's presence and healed by his love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they will be sensitive to the needs of their peoples, so as to avoid violence, injustice and loss of lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the poor and needy, may our almsgiving and acts of charity help to narrow the gap between the rich and poor.

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 gathered here, together with our catechumens and candidates, that we will consciously include prayer, fasting and almsgiving in our daily living.

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 this Lent will be a season of grace for us. Cleanse our hearts and strengthen us with your love, so that we may have a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, compassion for others and a great love for you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

1st Sunday Lent

Introduction

With absolute faith and obedience to the Father, Christ overcame temptations and eventually gave his life for our salvation. May we too be blessed with the same faith, to repent, change and overcome temptations and distractions in our own desert experience and live lives worthy of the heavenly kingdom promised to us. In confidence, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all priests and religious will remember God's covenant and stand firm in faith, despite their crosses, and remain zealous in their vocation.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, and those who have material, political or spiritual power, that they may resist any lure of corruption.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For our Catechumens and Candidates, that God protects and guards their hearts to strengthen their faith as they undergo their Rite of Election this weekend.

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, that we may recognise the forces of evil in our own lives and open our hearts to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Conclusion

Almighty God, you never abandon those who need you. As we begin our Lenten journey, we seek the grace and courage to unite our trials and sufferings with Christ. May we repent and believe, and continue to deepen our trust in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

2nd Sunday Lent

Introduction

God sacrificed his only son for our sake and told us to “listen to him.” Let us respond to his call and let him lead us to do his will. In obedience, we pray:

1. For the Pope, priests and religious, that they explain the significance of the Lenten season so that the faithful can embrace the spirit of Lent through prayers, penance and almsgiving.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For Governments, that they support religious practices, bringing about peaceful coexistence and social cohesion among their peoples in the country.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For our Archbishop, William Goh, on the anniversary of his election, that he continues to serve God's people in holiness, love and joy. .

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For all of us in the parish, that we make good use of our God-given talents to build a vibrant, caring and loving parish.

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

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus, to save us. May the holy spirit guide us to do good always and to become your faithful disciples, worthy of your love. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, Amen.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Introduction

Let us reflect on the power and wisdom of God, his self-giving and sacrificial love for us, which is most fully expressed in the Pascal Mystery of Jesus Christ. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that Pope Francis and his clergy may reinforce the importance of obedience to God's commandments, as well as the need to cleanse and purify ourselves through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For the world leaders, that they will strongly advocate and support the worldwide call of women for gender inclusivity.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For our Elect, at their First Scrutiny, that they may thirst for the living water that brings eternal life and may their faith be deepened as they journey on to find Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For ourselves as a parish community, that we may, during Lent, become more Christ-centred, following his way of sacrificial love.

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, fill us with a burning love for your Church and show us the path to wisdom and true discipleship, so as to grow more deeply in faith on our Lenten journey. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

4th Sunday Lent

Introduction

As the Israelites recalled their faults which exiled them from their land, we are reminded of God's loving grace that allows us to be reconciled with him. In humility, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on a personal and at the community levels.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For Governments, may their decisions be made out of genuine care for the communities they serve.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For Pope Francis, as he celebrates the fifth anniversary of his election, may he continue to build your Church in unity, love, and peace.

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 and our Elect, that we remain open to receive God's gift of love and deepen our resolve and efforts to spread it to others.

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

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of your son Jesus, our redeemer. Help us to remain faithful and to understand that the Cross is glory and the path to eternal life, which each one of us must embrace. We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

5th Sunday of Lent

Introduction

Jesus was that grain of wheat that died in order to bring eternal life and salvation to all who follow him. We are reminded that if we choose to follow him, the way ahead is the way of the cross. May we be guided to choose wisely, we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that she may be blessed with leaders to teach and preach your goodness in our broken 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 they reject racial discrimination when drawing up policies on migration, work and benefits in their countries.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For the poor and the marginalised, that our prayers, fasting and generous almsgiving this Lent will assist them in building better lives for themselves.

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 community, together with our Elect and the children receiving First Reconciliation, that we spend this last week of Lent reflecting on our lives, our need for repentance and to seek forgiveness from our ever loving God.

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

Compassionate and merciful God, you promised to forgive all iniquity and never call our sins to mind. Grant each one of us the faith and courage to embrace our crosses, dying to self in service of all those in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Palm Sunday

Introduction

As we begin Holy Week, we are invited to journey with Jesus, as we first welcome him as our messiah. We also seek to embrace his way of the cross. With confidence in God's love and mercy, we pray

1. For the Church, that bishops, priests and religious are renewed in their faith and service to imitate the self-giving love of Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of nations, that they govern their people with integrity and justice and establish peace in the world for the common good of all.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the innocent victims of war, terrorism and religious persecution, that they will be healed in mind and body and enjoy the comfort of God's peace.

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 and our Elect, that we will have the humility and courage to imitate Jesus in accepting the will of the Father in our lives.

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 personal 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 ask for the grace to intensify our efforts to walk humbly with Jesus, who was obedient to you unto death, so that we may grow in our love for you and for our fellow-men. We make this prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Maundy Thursday)

Introduction

In washing the feet of his disciples, Jesus showed us his way of loving service to others. We want to follow his way of dying to self in order to rise to eternal life. Humbly, we pray:

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

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 learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift from God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all who are troubled, that they may be comforted by the knowledge of Christ's loving sacrifice for the salvation of all mankind.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish family and our Elect awaiting baptism, that we will, especially during these holiest days, embrace the cost of true discipleship.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Conclusion

Lord Jesus, source of the bread and wine we offer, help us to love and serve one another with heart-felt compassion. Where there is injury, may we sow peace and love. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen.

EASTER VIGIL/ EASTER SUNDAY

Introduction

Today, we rejoice in and celebrate the risen Christ, who has broken the chains of death so that we may have eternal life with him. With deep faith, we pray:

1. For the whole Church, that as we renew our baptismal vows today, we will proclaim the message of eternal life to all who do not yet know him.

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 work together to overcome violence and the exploitation of the poor, the weak and the voiceless.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the neglected and the needy, that we will be able to show them the joy and love of Christ.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For the new members of our Church, that the spirit of faith planted in their hearts will grow, with the help of God and this community.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

5. For all of us, that we renew our baptismal promises to live in Christ's love and to become his true disciples and witnesses.

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

Loving Father, with our eyes fixed on your heavenly city, show us the way to live and serve others lovingly in our family, work place and the parish community. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Introduction

Through the power of Christ's Resurrection, God our Father fills us with joy and renewed hope in our own eternal salvation. In faith, let us turn to Him with all our needs, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that through this Easter mystery, we may experience a renewal of our faith and God's presence in our lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: For the sake of your Son, have mercy, Lord

2. For world leaders, that God may help them to recognise the value and dignity of human life.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: For the sake of your Son, have mercy, Lord

3. For people who have been wronged, that they may be given the grace and openness to forgive.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: For the sake of your Son, have mercy, Lord

4. For all of us, especially the newly baptised, that we may share our lives and blessings, through deeds and words, in support of one another.

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

Loving and merciful Father, nurture and strengthen our faith, so that we, who have not seen, may believe in the power of your glory. We make our prayer through Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

3rd Sunday Easter

Introduction

On the road to Emmaus, Christ opened the minds of his disciples to understand the scriptures. May we too respond by opening our hearts to let the Word of God act in our lives. In joy and humility, we pray:

1. For the Church, that all priests, religious and seminarians will glorify God through their vocations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, especially those with responsibility for economic matters, that they may have the courage to reject any form of discrimination in their nations.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For our Confirmands, that they will be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out their faith joyfully.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that, like the first disciples, we will reach out to others, bringing the love, joy and wonder of our Christ encounters to them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Conclusion

Almighty God, as we are transformed by your Word and the Sacraments, grant us the grace to be bold witnesses for Jesus, through prayer, fasting and works of mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

4th Sunday Easter
Good Shepherd Sun/Vocation Sun

Introduction

Christ, the Good Shepherd loves us deeply. He guides and protects us and is even willing to lay down his life for us. Together as a flock, we pray:

1. For our priests and religious, that they remain committed and steadfast in drawing their flock closer to God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For heads of governments, that they emulate the self-sacrificing leadership of Christ, to protect and improve the interests and welfare of their peoples, especially the marginalized.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For our youth , that they open their hearts to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and may they consider the vocation of priesthood or religious life as one of their life options.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For all of us, as one big family in Christ, that we put aside our differences and work together to make our parish welcoming and vibrant.

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, grant us the faith to be the obedient sheep of your son, our Good Shepherd, as he guides us to eternal life in heaven. We ask this through Christ, our Lord Amen.

5th Sunday of Easter

Introduction

Today Jesus, our vine, reminds us that our discipleship is not passive and also of the inheritance promised to us in God's kingdom, when we choose to live in obedience and union with him. As his faithful branches, we pray:

1. For the Church, that Pope Francis and his clergy may exhort all Christians to be united in Christ and to seek deeper communications to break down the walls of division which separate us.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For the world leaders, as we celebrate Labour Day next week, that they strongly support efforts to advance the cause of justice and safety for low-waged workers, giving them due respect and protecting their rights.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all students preparing for exams, that they remember Christ's promise that whoever remains in him will bear much fruit.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

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

4. For ourselves as a parish community, that we, living in union with Christ, may focus on the good of others to make our parish more fruitful, vibrant and welcoming.

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, may we always receive your loving pruning as your faithful disciples, so that we may bear good fruit, and others, seeing this, will come and glorify you, building your kingdom here on earth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

6th Sunday Easter

Introduction

We are called to live our lives by Christ's commandment to love one another and the example of his unconditional and self-sacrificial love to die on the Cross for us at Calvary. May each one of us commit to embracing the crosses in our lives, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that she continues to open her doors to anyone who seeks God's love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they value and seek to improve each and every life, regardless of race, language or religion.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For those who are oppressed, that their plight may be made known to the world through the freedom of the press.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that we will follow Christ's commandment to love one another as he loves us.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Conclusion

Almighty God, as we strive to die to self in service of others, open our hearts and grant us the grace to remain always in your love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

7th Sunday in Easter

Introduction

Jesus interceded with the Father for us to be one with him, just as he is one with the Father. May the Holy Spirit guide us always to be united in mission, perseverance and joy, as we pray:

1. For Pope Francis, the clergy and religious, that they will always be consecrated in the truth and remain faithful to Christ in building his Church.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of nations, that they may have the wisdom to govern for the common good and to work with one another to end poverty, war and violence in the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For all journalists and those who work in media, on this World Communications Day, that they will be committed to the search for truth, understanding and impartiality in this age of instant information dissemination.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For all mothers, as we celebrate Mother's Day, that they look to Our Blessed Mother as their role model and be the life- giving strength, hope and faith to their families and loved ones.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

5. For our parish community, that God will guide us in our daily choices so that we can live fully the way Christ taught us to.

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, you have called us to be witnesses of the resurrected Christ. Show us the way to live in love with one another as your faithful disciples, so that your love will come to perfection in us. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pentecost Sunday

Introduction

Filled with the Holy Spirit, let us, like the apostles, proclaim God's wonders and bring his love, peace, joy and mercy to the world. Humbly, we pray:

1. For the Church, that, as at the first Pentecost, she will reach out to all nations proclaiming God's love and mercy.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For leaders of the world, that they will lead their nations to lasting peace and harmony.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For the poor in spirit and those in need, that they will experience the comfort and love of the Holy Spirit, through those inspired to help them.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For us, the lay faithful, that we may fulfill our mission of proclaiming God's goodness and by responding positively to the many challenges we face in the world.

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

Lord, you send your Spirit to dwell within us. Hear our prayers and guide us always, so that we may rejoice in the new life you give. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Trinity Sunday

Introduction

As we celebrate Trinity Sunday, we remember the compassion and tenderness of the Father, the obedience of the Son and the gentleness of the Spirit. With trust in our Triune God, we pray:

1. For the Church, that she will effectively communicate the Holy Trinity as a beacon of faith, hope and love in her mission to spread 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 utilize scarce resources effectively, as they strive to make the world a better place.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For Christian volunteers, that they may be blessed with unwavering hope and love for the people they help.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For our parish community, that the Trinity may be a source of strength, to guide and to teach us to love and serve God and one another in our daily lives.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

5. We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

Conclusion

Lord, we thank you for revealing to us the beauty and majesty of the Trinity. May we better appreciate your presence and honour you with loving service, as we strive to share your Good News with all. We make this prayer in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Body & Blood of Christ **(Corpus Christi)**

Introduction

At this feast, we are reminded of Jesus' perfect love and total sacrifice for us every time we partake of his Body and Blood at the Eucharist. Let us be willing to give of ourselves to others, as we pray:

1. For the Church, that the priests and religious grow in holiness in their vocation and inspire the faithful to come closer to God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

2. For world leaders, that they curb excesses and over-consumption, to avoid major economic, ecological and humanitarian catastrophes in the future.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

3. For our First Communicants, that they will feel the love of God through frequent reception of the Eucharist and be strengthened to do his holy will.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

4. For all of us, that we may recognize the living presence of Christ in the Eucharist and be reminded that he is with us every day of our lives.

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

Loving Father, help us to follow Jesus and the commandments and to make sacrifices of self in service of others, so as to earn our promised inheritance in heaven. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Feast of the Ascension of our Lord

Introduction

Christ's ascension into heaven in glory gives us the sure hope that when our earthly journey comes to an end, we too will be able to follow him to eternal life. With expectant hope and humility, we pray:

1. For the Church, that by our firm belief in the Risen Lord, she will proclaim the Good News to everyone.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

2. For leaders of nations, that they will strive to put an end to discrimination in their societies and work towards achieving lasting peace in the different parts of the world.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

3. For all of us who know that we have done something wrong, may the Holy Spirit enlighten and help us to repent and make amends to those whom we have hurt.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

4. For our parish community, that we offer our God-given talents to serve in Church without expectation of reward but out of love for Jesus and his beloved people.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, help us grow in your Church.

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

Cantor: We pray to the Lord

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

Conclusion

Heavenly Father, strengthen our belief that Jesus is victorious and has been exalted by you. As commanded by Christ, may each one of us preach his message of love and hope to all who do not yet know him, We ask this in his most holy name. Amen.

THE ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Introduction

Today's feast points us to the resurrection of the whole people of God at the end of time. In faith and with Mary, we proclaim our belief in the greatness of God, as we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire the shepherds of her faithful with zeal, courage and dedication.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

- 2 For world leaders, that they respect and uphold the dignity of every human being, made in the image and likeness of God.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

- 3 For all women, in their diverse cultural backgrounds, that their dignity and rights are respected.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

- 4 For our parish community, that each one of us discerns and takes heed to do whatever the Lord tells us, as our Blessed Mother did.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

We pray for our own intentions...

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

Response: With our Blessed Mother, we pray.

Conclusion

As we honour and venerate our Blessed Mother today, we pray for guidance and strength to follow her example of humility, total self-giving, obedience and absolute trust in God, and, through her intercession, may we be led closer to the glory of heaven. We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Introduction

As we celebrate this lunar new year of the dog, let us be as faithful, loving and loyal as the dog, in our relationship with God and our fellow brothers and sisters. With confidence, we pray:

- 1 For all Christians, that they practise unity and serve the Lord and their neighbour by living the gospel values.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 2 For leaders of nations, that they will work tirelessly for peace and reconcile differences within their own societies.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For all families, who face new beginnings and challenges in the year ahead, that they place their confidence and hope in our provident God, who knows all our needs.

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, together with our catechumens and candidates, that we will have the right disposition to radiate God's love to all.

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 our Father, shower us with your blessings and send your Holy Spirit to be our guide to live in harmony, loving and serving You and each other. We ask all this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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**FEAST OF ST. THERESE
OF THE CHILD JESUS**

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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 and strive to follow her example of total devotion and service to you. In joyful hope, we pray:

- 1 For the Church, that she promotes the teaching of “spiritual childhood”, where the faithful, like a child, recognize, discern, respond and grow within the embrace of God’s merciful love.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 2 For leaders of nations, that they will not be deaf to the cries of the needy but be attentive to the needs of the oppressed, the homeless and the unemployed.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 3 For the children and youth throughout the world, that they have tolerance and respect for differences of race, culture or religion, as they grow up in a world without borders.

Cantor: We pray to the Lord.

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

- 4 For all of us gathered here, that we may, like St Therese, receive Christ’s word in trust and absolute surrender.

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 give us the grace so that, like St Therese, we will be attentive to the presence of Christ in all our experiences of life, as we journey towards our heavenly home. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.