

## HOLY HALF HOUR FOR SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

### THEME: To Love Jesus in the Poor

*(You may need to adapt the Holy Hour according to your Parish Pastoral requirement and time allotted).*

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

**Hymn: Joyful Celebration no. No. 83 - Come adore this wonderous...**

#### **Introduction:**

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ Our Universal King. The situation in our world today is not very different from Jesus' time. Even at that time, the leaders were probably not able to show total care and concern for the needy and the poor. The situation today is aptly described in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Total indifference is shown by the priest and the Levite who see the man injured and walk past him. Today, let us spend time reflecting on our attitude towards the poor, the needy and the suffering. Let us ask for grace to be able to see the face of Jesus in the poor and love them. Let us also reflect on the kind of kingdom that Jesus came to establish and expects us to build i.e. a kingdom of peace, love and justice. *(Pause and reflect for 2 mins)*

**Hymn: Joyful Celebration no. 385 - The King of glory comes** *(Pause 1 min silence)*

All of us are in need of physical, emotional and spiritual healing. Today, let us spend time with Christ Our Universal King and divine healer. He can not only heal our world but also each one of us from within. If we surrender to Jesus, he can transform us to be His powerful instruments to show love, care and concern for the poor, just as He did.

Let us come before him with open and welcoming hearts as we prepare to listen to His Word proclaimed to us.

**Scripture Reading: Luke 8: 43-48** *(Pause 5 min silence)*

#### **Reflection:**

- Though the crowds almost crushed Jesus, Jesus sensed that someone had touched him; someone who was in need and required help. We see that Jesus values each and everyone. What is our attitude? Do we notice those in need or do we look the other way? What happens when a poor child touches us and asks for food? Like Jesus, can we value the image of God in every human being and love Jesus in the poor? *(Pause 2 min silence)*
- People in the crowd made excuses but Jesus remembered that someone who needed help had touched him. How easily we forget to love those who are poor and in need. What steps can I take to improve my attitude? *(Pause 2 mins silence)*
- The lady had suffered for twelve, long years. No one could heal her. But, Jesus was concerned and moved by her suffering. Am I also concerned about those in our neighbourhood who share similar situations? Like Jesus, can we reach out to those who are suffering and be their source of strength? *(Pause 2 mins silence)*
- Jesus' concern for the woman went beyond caring for her physical needs. Jesus restored her from a state of uncleanness and placed her back into the community and society. He ensured there was a physical, emotional and spiritual healing

which took place and that justice was met. Can I identify one person in my neighbourhood who I would like to care for? (*Pause 1 min silence*)

**INVOCATIONS:** In the Old Testament, the Psalms gives us the imagery of Christ's rule in the Kingdom of God. We are called to build up a kingdom of justice, peace and compassion. We are called to look after the wellbeing of each other in society. We can achieve this by loving Jesus in the poor.

**Our response will be: Lord, may your kingdom come.**

- 1) We pray that Christ's reign will bring justice and equality for all. Our R/-
- 2) *"In his days the righteous one will sprout, and the abundance of peace until the moon is no more."* Our R/-
- 3) *"From oppression and from violence he will redeem their soul, ..."* Our R/
- 4) That Christ's reign will look after the well being and happiness of each one. *"There will come to be plenty of grain on the earth."* Our R/-

**Hymn:** Joyful Celebration no. 438 – We stand for God... (*Pause 1 min silence*)

**INTERCESSIONS:**

Grateful for the many blessings we have received and confident in God's mercy and compassion, let us bring our prayers before Him.

**Our response will be: Lord, hear our prayer.**

- 1) Lord, we pray for all the members of the Church, that we may follow the example of Jesus to show care and concern for the poor and the needy. Let us pray to the Lord...
- 2) Lord, we pray for all baptized members, that as disciples of Jesus, we may be concerned about the poor and help build the kingdom of God. Let us pray to the Lord...
- 3) Lord, we pray for all the people of good will, that guided by your Spirit, they may care for the poor, marginalized and those who are without basic amenities of life. Let us pray to the Lord...
- 4) Lord, we pray for all the people in the world, that they may not be influenced by the worldly values of individualism and selfishness but be inspired by the example of Jesus' self-giving for others. Let us pray to the Lord...
- 5) That justice and peace of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe may be known throughout the world. Let us pray to the Lord...

**Silence:**

**Benediction:**

**Final Hymn:** Joyful Celebration no. 139 – Go, go into the world...