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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION:

Wherever Jesus went, he performed miraculous healings, befriended the sinners and outcasts and had compassion on those who were suffering. The leper, with faith, courage and total surrender approached Jesus for a healing and Jesus willingly reached out, touched and healed him. Let us pray at this Eucharist that we too may be healed of our illnesses, even our sins and weaknesses, when we turn to our Divine Healer with faith.

Today, let us also pray for all married and to-be-married couples and for the strengthening of marriages and families all over the world.

INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS:

In the first reading, we find that the law was to protect the community from an uncontrollable, infectious leprous disease. The individual who had contracted the disease was to “*dwell apart.*” Like the Psalmist, whatever our condition may be, we too can turn to God and accept his healing and forgiveness available to us. In the Gospel, Jesus “*touched*” the leper to heal him. By touching the leper, He made himself unclean and an outcast according to Jewish law. Jesus remained outside in “*deserted places*” to help even the outcast and continues to help everyone who comes to Him.

READINGS:

First Reading: Lv 13:1-2,44-46

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1-2,5,11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Our Divine Healer is ever willing to heal our infirmities and ease our sufferings. Let us bring our prayers before Him with faith and confidence.

Our response is: Heavenly Father, hear our prayer.

For our Pope Francis, the bishops, the clergy, the religious and all the members of the Church that we may reach out with compassion and understanding towards the alienated and suffering people around us; **pause**; let us pray to the Lord...

For all those afflicted with infectious, incurable or degenerative diseases, physical, mental or emotional illnesses and all other kinds of sicknesses, that they may experience Your healing touch and mercy; **pause**; let us pray to the Lord...

For the outcasts, the neglected, the abandoned, the mistreated and the unloved people all over the world, that they may feel strengthened and renewed by Your mighty presence in their lives; **pause**; let us pray to the Lord...

For all couples and families all over the world, that by committing our lives to You, we may continue to honour our spouses and families members for their faithfulness and sacrifices and build stronger relationships; **pause**; let us pray to the Lord...

For all of us gathered here and those hearing online Eucharist, that as we surrender our lives to You, we may be healed of all the illnesses, worries, burdens and challenges in our daily lives; **pause**; let us pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: Almighty God, nothing is impossible for You, no prayer is too difficult for You to answer in Your own time. We place these prayers before You seeking healing and richness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Coronavirus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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