



25 APRIL 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

INTRODUCTION:

We gather around the Eucharistic table celebrating our identity as God's children and the sheep of the Good Shepherd who lay down his life for us.

READINGS:

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1&8-9, 21-23, 26&28-29

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel: Jn 10:11-18

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: God who raised Jesus from the dead is always listening to our prayers. As we surrender our needs to Him our response is: **GRACIOUS LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

1. That the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests and Religious may exercise the role of the Good Shepherd in their responsibilities as leaders of the Church... we pray to the Lord...
2. That our political leaders may be kind and compassionate in reaching out to the vulnerable, the poor, the suffering and those struggling to enjoy the basic necessities of life... we pray to the Lord...
3. That each one of us may be guided by the voice of the Good Shepherd as we celebrate his presence in our lives as peacemaker, healer and reconciler... we pray to the Lord...
4. That in the given circumstances we face because of the pandemic, all fears and anxieties will be managed with available vaccines and medicines, facilities for quarantine and efficient medical staff... we pray to the Lord...
5. That God may listen to the prayers we make with faith in His generous love... (*pause for 7 seconds*) ... we pray to the Lord...

CELEBRANT: Good Shepherd, we thank You for your care for us at all times and for listening to the prayers we make with faith in You and in Your Son Jesus who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. 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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