



09 MAY 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

INTRODUCTION:

The ongoing pandemic has caused a kind of restlessness within most people. While we remain locked in at this time, the liturgy of today invites us to remain, or abide in the love of the Lord. His self-giving is the measure of true love. In these challenging times, we are invited to manifest this love to all, following the example of the Apostolic Church.

READINGS:

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 98:1.2-3ab,3cd-4

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Dear friends, as Gods beloved children, let us approach him with confidence, knowing, that in his providence, he will hear and answer our prayer.

Our Response: Loving Father, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the Church: that filled with the power of the Spirit, they may proclaim the truth of God's love with clarity and charity, we pray to the Lord...

For our country and the world: that the on-going pandemic may be an occasion to manifest selfless love through concrete actions, we pray to the Lord...

For all families: that under the protection of Our Lady and St Joseph, they may truly be sanctuaries of love and life, we pray to the Lord...

For all of us united here in prayer: that as we deepen our friendship with Jesus, we may become instruments of his healing love to the world, we pray to the Lord...

For the intentions we now make in the silence of our hearts [*pause*], we pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: Loving Father, hear the prayers we make to you in the name of your beloved Son. Grant that we may always abide in your love, and give us the grace to proclaim your saving love to all people. 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 Corona Virus 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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