



04 July 2021
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTRODUCTION

God sends Ezekiel to a rebellious and stubborn people who will refuse to hear the message he brings. Jesus himself experiences the same rejection when “he came to his hometown”, that leads him to exclaim: “Prophets are despised only in their own country.” And to Paul, God will say: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Every Eucharist reminds us that the Lord always stands by us, even when others seem to reject us.

READINGS

First reading: Ezek 2:2-5

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 123:1-2ab,2cdef,3-4

Second Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: Jesus could work no miracles among his own people because of their disbelief in him. With humble trust and confidence, we bring our petitions to the Father, saying:

Response: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

1. That Pope Francis, Bishops, priests and religious may find ready acceptance from the people of God, as they seek to bring God’s message to them, we pray...
2. That every baptized faithful may unfailingly proclaim the good news they have heard, to all others even when they face opposition, we pray...
3. That the Church may never shy away from its prophetic mission, of being a beacon of hope and courage, in our troubled world, we pray...
4. That the legitimate rights of activists, journalists, and representatives of common people, may never be trampled, when they boldly speak against injustice and cruelty, we pray...

5. That we may never give in to fear and weakness, but always know that the Lord constantly strengthens us with His grace, we pray...
6. We bring to the Lord, our personal needs, intentions and prayers [*pause*], we pray...

CELEBRANT: As we go out from this Eucharist, may the Lord accompany us with his grace and strength, to be courageous witnesses of his love and concern, especially to those who are hurting and seeking for peace, through the same 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.