



27th June, 2021- 13th Sunday of the Year/ Laity Sunday

INTRODUCTION

Today is the thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary time and celebrated as Laity Sunday in our Archdiocese to appreciate the role played by the non-ordained members of the Church who are an indispensable part of Christ's body. Let us pray during this Eucharist that we may contribute generously to building the Church through our love and service.

READINGS

First Reading: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 30:2&4,5-6,11-12a,13b

Gospel: Mk 5:21-43 (or 5:21-24,35-43)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, on this Laity Sunday, we offer up our prayers for the needs of the Church.

Our response is: **LORD OF LOVE, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

- That our Pope, Bishops, Priests, Religious and Lay faithful may collaborate together in building domestic churches that live by the values of Christ's teaching... we pray to the Lord
- That the leaders of the world may bravely stand for truth and justice even in the face of opposition... we pray to the Lord
- That every lay member of the Church may recognize their mission of proclaiming the Gospel in words and deeds wherever they are... we pray to the Lord
- That families who have suffered due to the Coronavirus may be touched by God's healing hand and have their faith strengthened through Jesus Christ the healer... we pray to the Lord
- That the Lord hear the prayers we make in silence, especially for a good monsoon and protection from irregular weather conditions... *(pause for 7 seconds)*... we pray to the Lord

Celebrant: Thank you, Heavenly Father, for having called us to work for your Kingdom and for listening to the prayers we have made through 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 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.