



**11 July 2021**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

We praise and bless God who has chosen us in Christ Jesus to lead holy and blameless lives. He has also entrusted to us the mission of making known the mystery of salvation to all peoples. We pray for the grace to respond generously, coupled with a willingness to rely on his help and providence, no matter what hardships may come our way.

### **READINGS:**

**First Reading:** Am 7:12-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 85:9ab, & 10. 11-14

**Second Reading:** Eph 1:3-14 (or 1:3-10)

**Gospel:** Mk 6:7-13

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, let us turn to the Lord with trust and confidence, praying that he may show us his mercy

*R/* -Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

1. That all Christians may rejoice in their calling, and carry out the mission entrusted to them by the Lord: let us pray to the Lord ...
2. That the values of freedom, truth and justice may be upheld and promoted by those in authority in our country: let us pray to the Lord ...
3. That in these difficult times, students may receive the assistance and the graces they need to pursue their studies and fulfil God's plan in their lives: let us pray to the Lord ...
4. That the Lord may grant Pope Francis a speedy recovery and bestow his healing touch on all who are sick: let us pray to the Lord ...
5. That the Lord may hear and answer the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts (*pause*) let us pray to the Lord ...

Celebrant: Loving Father, in your mercy, hear and answer our prayers. Grant that we may always respond to your call and live as your true witnesses. Though 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.