



**25 JULY 2021**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**INTRODUCTION:**

We are grateful for the presence of God whose mercy, compassion and generosity nourishes us. As we celebrate the First World Day for Grandparents and the elderly, we thank God for the gift of these strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions and teachers of wisdom and courage to us and generations to come.

**READINGS:**

**FIRST:** 2 Kgs 4: 42- 44

**PSALM:** Ps 145: 10-11, 15-18

**SECOND:** Eph. 4: 1- 6

**GOSPEL:** Jn 6:1-15

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**CELEBRANT:** The Lord opens His hand and He satisfies us. With faith in His generous mercy let us surrender our needs to Him.

Our response is: **GRACIOUS LORD, HEAR US WE PRAY**

1. That Pope Francis, the Bishops, Clergy and Lay Faithful may seek to multiply the graces God gives them through their selflessness, gentleness and patience in their ministries... we pray to the Lord...
2. That all our political leaders & those in positions of authority may protect and promote the interests of the elderly and the vulnerable of society... we pray to the Lord...
3. That every member of the Church may discover their identity in the world as they lead lives worthy of their vocation as children of God who is Father of all... we pray to the Lord...
4. That we may always treasure the presence of our grandparents who have multiplied God's blessings in our lives by the nourishment they have provided through their love, concern and generosity... we pray to the Lord...
5. That our departed grandparents and the elderly in our communities may enjoy eternal rest for their goodness and mercy... we pray to the Lord...
6. That the Lord may listen to the prayers we offer, especially for a good monsoon and a healing of the world from the dreaded coronavirus... (Pause for 7 secs)... we pray to the Lord...

**CELEBRANT:** Merciful Father, we thank you for the generous nourishment provided by our grandparents and the elderly in our world and for listening to the prayers we make with faith in Your everlasting goodness 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.