



Commission for **Liturgy**  
Archdiocese of Bombay

**08 August 2021**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B (Vianney Sunday)**

**\* PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN VIANNEY (Appendix III, p 101, ORDO may be used)**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

“When will our churches be opened, so that we can come together as the Body of Christ to receive the Bread of Life?” This is a question that is uppermost in the minds of many. People are longing to taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Though there appears to be no end in sight to the on-going pandemic; we continue our pilgrim journey in faith, walking together in love. We trust that the Lord will provide us with the resources necessary for our journey and lead us safely to his holy mountain. Today, as the Archdiocese celebrates Vianney Sunday, we pray that the Lord may continue to bless all priests. Through the intercession of the saintly *Curé of Ars*, may our priests find strength and inspiration to offer spiritual nourishment to the flock even in these difficult times.

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

Celebrant: Dear friends, we have a High Priest who is able to empathise with us in our weakness. Let us then, with confidence, ask Him to provide us with the sustenance needed for our pilgrim journey, as we say.

**R/ -** Eternal High Priest, hear our prayer

1. For the Church: that this time of the pandemic may help all the faithful to re-kindle a greater love and deeper devotion to the Eucharistic Lord; we pray in faith ...
2. For all priests, who are called to feed the flock with the Bread of Life: that the Lord may sustain them in their ministry; we pray in faith ...
3. For those affected by the recent floods: that the relief measures underway may help them experience God’s love and care in their time of need; we pray in faith ...
4. For all of us, united together now in prayer: that as God’s beloved children, we may strive to walk in love and manifest his kindness and forgiveness to all around; we pray in faith ...
5. For our personal intentions: (*pause*) we pray in faith ...

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, true manna from heaven, hear and answer our prayers. Draw us to yourself and deepen our faith in the precious gift of yourself that you have given us. We ask this of you who live and reign 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.