



19 September 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## INTRODUCTION:

Dear friends, Christ is the Wisdom of God, who came from on high and became the servant of all, thus giving us an example to follow. He places a child as a model for one who wishes to enter the Kingdom of God. Let us learn from Jesus the virtue of humility and ask him the grace of being child-like always welcoming the little ones.

## READINGS:

First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20;  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 54:3-4, 5. 6&8;  
Second Reading: Jas 3:16-4:3;  
Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

**CEL:** Learning from Jesus the lesson of humility, let us now place our petitions before him:

**R/- Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for Pope Francis, the Bishops, the Clergy and the Religious that in administering to the faithful, they may never seek their own glory and work for common welfare. We pray to the Lord....
2. We pray that as we go about life, we may not be preoccupied with ourselves, but remain attentive to what is happening around us and thus reach out to the needs of others. We pray to the Lord....
3. We pray that endowed by the Wisdom of God, which is pure, peaceable and producing good fruits, we may make our decisions and judgments, which may be beyond reproach. We pray to the Lord....
4. We pray that all of us in this assembly may be enlightened by Christ, the Wisdom of God, so that in a child-like simplicity and humility, we may truly prove to be a people trustworthy. We pray to the Lord....
5. We pray for our personal intentions... R/-

**CEL:** God our loving Father, Your Son Jesus taught us the way of humility and obedience, by his death on the Cross. Grant that following his example, we may become his true disciples. We ask this in the name of Jesus the 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.