



**MIGRANT SUNDAY
26 SEPTEMBER 2021
THEME: TOWARDS AN
EVER WIDER "WE"**



INTRODUCTION:

On this 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the universal church celebrates the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year Pope Francis has chosen the theme – Towards an ever wider “we” as we reach out without prejudice or fear to bring healing and comfort to these vulnerable members of society.

READINGS:

First Reading: Nm 11:25-29
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19:8,10,12-13,14
Second Reading: Jas 5:1-6
Gospel: Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: The precepts of the Lord bring joy to the heart. As we lift up our prayers and intentions to Lord who heals and comforts us, let us believe in His encouraging presence in our lives. Our response is **GOD OF MERCY, HEAR US.**

1. For Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests & Religious; that they be blessed with wisdom and courage to guide the Church during times of struggle & opposition.....we pray to the Lord.
2. For world leaders; that they may receive the grace to promote justice and special care toward the poor and vulnerable, especially the refugees & migrants,.....we pray to the Lord...
3. For all of us; that we may be proactive in our outreach toward migrants and refugees by raising our voices and offering our help for rehabilitation and care, especially the children and youth... we pray to the Lord..
4. For workers in various industries facing layoffs and financial hardships: that they be empowered to look at opportunities for personal development in spite of struggles..... we pray to the Lord...
5. For healing of our world; that in these days of the pandemic we may follow protocols with discipline and care for our own protection and of others... we pray to the Lord...
6. For our personal needs and intentions, which we commend to your mercy.... *(pause for 7 seconds)*... we pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: God of mercy and lover of all, especially the refugees and migrants, we thank you for listening to our prayers we make with faith through Mary, solace of migrants and her son, Jesus who welcomed everyone to Himself. 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.