

10 October, 2021 Twenty-Eight SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Seeking the true good above everything else

INTRODUCTION

All of us desire a happy, fulfilled life, and to attain these, we often run after many created things. The readings of today make us aware that it is only the highest good: God, his wisdom, and Jesus Christ, that can truly fulfil us. Let us pray for the grace that we may turn our hearts and minds towards these eternal riches.

READINGS

First Reading: Wis 7:7-11 **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 90: 12-17 **Second Reading:** Heb 4: 12-13

Gospel: Mk 10: 17-30or (10:17-27)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Dear brothers and sisters gathered as one to celebrate the good things we have received from our God let us now place before him some of our needs.

Response: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

- 1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Archbishop Cardinal Oswald and his auxiliaries, all priest and religious, that they may be filled with apostolic zeal and faithfully serve the Lord and His Church at all times.
 - Let us pray to the Lord. **R**/
- 2. For the leaders of our country, that guided by the Spirit of sincerity and truth they may work selflessly for the good of our nation and pay particular attention to the needs of the poor and the downtrodden.
 - Let us pray to the Lord. R/
- 3. For the people of the world, that all may realise that their greatest fulfilment comes not from seeking the passing things of these world, but from God alone. Let us pray to the Lord **R**/
- 4. For all Christians, that they may live their lives closely modelled on that of Jesus and his values, and thereby reveal to the world that they have found their real treasure. Let us pray **R**/
- 5. For our own personal needs and for those who have asked us to pray for them. (Brief Silence). Let us pray to the lord **R**/

Celebrant: Father, in heaven, we thank you for having sent your son Jesus into the world to announce the Good News. Help us to be faithful to his message, so that all may find happiness in life and in eternity. We ask this 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.