



17 October 2021

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



INTRODUCTION:

Today, the Liturgy celebrates Christ, the Suffering Servant of God, who by his own suffering, death and resurrection gives meaning to our suffering and exemplifies for us a life of service, which he did by drinking the cup of suffering and giving his life as a ransom for many. True greatness lies in Servanthood as exemplified in Jesus.

READINGS:

First Reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32: 4-5; 18-20, 22
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Let us now express our needs to the Lord imploring Him to make us his servants:
R/- Lord, hear our prayer.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, the Bishops, the Clergy and the Religious everywhere that as ministers of God, they may become models of servanthood, following in the footsteps of Christ the Suffering Servant. R/-
2. We pray for all the leaders of the world, that they may care for all people and exercise their authority with true humanity and commitment. R/-
3. We pray for all our political leaders that they may become real servants of the people by understanding their grievances and working for the common good of all. R/-
4. We pray that we may always appreciate the selfless services of all women, especially housewives, nursing mothers, medical nurses, those who attend and look after the sick and the aged etc., and acknowledge them with a generous heart. R/-
5. We pray for all of us gathered in this assembly, that strengthened by God's Word and the Eucharist, we may become meek and humble and be ready to serve others. R/-
6. We pray for our personal intentions...R/-

Celebrant: God our Father, we thank You for sending us Jesus, who exemplified in Himself true humility and servanthood. Grant that we may imitate him with child-like attitude and give ourselves in humble service to one another. 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.