

INTRODUCTION:

The Word of God presents us the examples of two generous widows who are ready to give up all the little they possess. The first at the request of Prophet Elijah and the second, to the temple treasury, in the presence of Jesus. God always blesses selfless giving, when we are ready to generously deprive ourselves for the sake of others. We are invited to understand and practise this in our daily lives.

READINGS:

First Reading: 1 Kgs 17:10-16
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:6c-7,8-9a,9bc-10
Second Reading: Heb 9:24-28
Gospel: Mk 12:38-44 (or 12:41-44)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Heavenly Father you are a generous God who never fails to respond to our needs. Listen to the prayers we bring to you with humble confidence, as we say:

Response: **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For our Holy Father Pope Francis, the clergy and the religious, that the leaders of God's people may be the first to encourage generosity from everyone, by their own example, we pray to the Lord...

For all baptized Christians that we may witness to the goodness of God by our own reaching out without counting the cost, to give to those in need, we pray to the Lord...

For world leaders who meet as the G20 countries, and the COP26 discussion on climate change, that they may have a salutary effect on the behaviour of all people, for peace and the care of creation, we pray to the Lord...

For our non-Christian brethren who celebrate the festival of Diwali, that they may turn away from evil; and that we as Christians may constantly acknowledge Christ the Light of the world, we pray to the Lord...

For all of us that through the Lord's intervention, we may be preserved from another wave of the Corona virus; and those affected may enjoy good health, we pray to the Lord...

For our own personal needs and intentions, [pause] we pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: Lord God, accept the prayers of the family which you have gathered, and in your goodness and love, answer them. 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.