



14 November 2021
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



INTRODUCTION:

As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

As we observe "World Day of the Poor", the Church and the faithful are urged to 'go out' to encounter poverty in the various ways it manifests itself in the modern world and in order to reach out to those most in need.

READINGS:

First Reading: Dn 12:1-13
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:5&8,9-10,11
Second Reading: Heb 10:11-14,18
Gospel: Mk 13:24-32

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: The Lord is eager to bring us towards eternal life through the love that we share here on earth. Let us be united in prayer and full of confidence that our needs will be heard.

Response: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the leaders of our Church that they will truly witness in the world to the hope of the future coming of Christ. (pause) We pray to the Lord.....

We pray for those who govern our country that the current generation may work towards a peaceful future by dealing justly and actively with the effects of the pandemic and climate change. (pause). We pray to the Lord...

We pray for the poor in all parts of the world. May those who lead the distribution of the world's resources, become more aware of the need to be just and fair in sharing the goods that are available. (pause). We pray to the Lord...

We pray for our local parish community, that we may be ever watchful for the Lord's coming and be prepared in heart and soul to meet the Lord in the everyday encounters with those around us. (pause). We pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: Lord, you govern the universe with the power of your love. Listen to our prayer made in the name of your Son and grant it according to the power of your Spirit. 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.