



19 December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent



INTRODUCTION:

Dear friends in Christ, from the least of the clans of Judah, from Mary his lowly handmaid, God prepared a human body for his Christ, who through his incarnation comes to fill our world with his spirit of peace. Let us dispose ourselves to receive the peace and justice that God offers us in Christ.

READINGS:

First Reading: Mic 5: 2-5a
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 80: 2ac-3b, 15-16, 18-19
Second Reading: Heb 10: 5-10
Gospel: Lk 1: 39-45

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: God made Mary the first cooperator and messenger of his plan for our salvation. Let us now express our needs to him:

R/- Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Pope Francis, the Bishops, the Clergy, the Religious and all people of God that through loving obedience to Christ and his Church, we may dispose ourselves to the Mystery of Redemption. We pray to the Lord...

We pray for our government and leaders that filled with the Spirit of peace, they may work for the upliftment of the poor and the marginalized. We pray to the Lord...

We pray that enlightened by God's Word and sanctified by the offering of Christ's body and blood, we may like Mary, firmly resolve to do God's Will. We pray to the Lord...

We pray that all of us as People of God like Mary, may be for all a sign of God's Presence and through our various ministries, we may become credible witnesses of His Presence. We pray to the Lord...

We pray that like Mary, divine grace may make us dependent on God and selfless, without any ambitions for power and wealth, to be at the service of one another. We pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: Lord God, grant that we may become conscious of your Divine Presence within us and thus conduct our daily lives as witnesses of your Presence on earth. 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.