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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY



INTRODUCTION:

We shall listen today to the powerful stories of three men in the Bible: Isaiah a “man of unclean lips”, Paul who “persecuted the church of God” and Peter a fisherman who saw himself as “a sinful man”. Each of them is called for an outstanding mission, after an encounter with the Lord. In a similar way each one of us is also called in Baptism, to be a disciple and an apostle, for Christ’s mission.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: The Lord selects ordinary men and women to carry out his mission on earth. Let us place before Him our emptiness and ask Him to fill us with his blessings, as we pray:

Response: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Bishops, clergy and faithful: that they may zealously carry out their mission of attracting people into Christ’s Church. We pray to the Lord...
2. For all the members of our parish: that the witness of our Christian lives and the practice of virtues may serve to build up communities of love, justice and peace. We pray to the Lord...
3. For each one of us: that God may bring us back to good health of mind and body, as we strive to regain what we may have lost during the past months of the pandemic. We pray to the Lord...
4. For all political leaders and those in authority: that putting aside their personal ambitions and the seeking of material gains, they may work sincerely for their people. We pray to the Lord...
5. For our personal needs and intentions [pause] We pray to the Lord...

CELEBRANT: Almighty Father, we thank you for choosing us to be your beloved children and the disciples of your Son Jesus. As you listen to our prayers, grant that we may grow in our acceptance of your Holy Will. Through the same 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.