

INTRODUCTION:

God's love is so overwhelming, he loves us totally, however sinful and unworthy we may be. There is no better way to express this love and become most like our Heavenly Father, in our own lives except by modelling ourselves on Christ and loving our enemies as he loves them.

READINGS:

First Reading: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8&10, 12-13
Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49
Gospel: Lk 6:27-38

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: God Our Father is rich in mercy and abounding in love, showering his gifts and favours on us and heeding our prayers. Let us dare to express our needs to him:

R/- Compassionate Father, hear our prayer.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, the Bishops, the Clergy and all those in authority that they may strive to be reflections of God's Compassionate love to all. We pray to the Lord...
2. We pray for the leaders of our nation, that they may uphold and defend the values of justice, freedom and equality in governance and politics. We pray to the Lord...
3. We pray for all the workers who earn their daily bread through hard work, those depending on daily wages, those who are without jobs or unable to work due to illness, that they may experience God's never-failing providence. We pray to the Lord...
4. We pray for all of us in this Eucharistic celebration that as Parish Community, we may bear witness to God's Compassionate love to people of all faiths, through dialogue and sharing. We pray to the Lord...
5. We pray for the intentions we now make in the silence of our hearts (**p-a-u-s-e**). We pray to the Lord...

CEL: Compassionate Father, we thank you for your all-encompassing mercy and love and grant that by imitating you in our lives, we may love all people, including our enemies and thus follow Christ in his love and forgiveness, even unto the Cross. We ask this in the name of Jesus 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.