



06 March 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



INTRODUCTION:

We have entered into the joyful season of Lent. Moses in the First Reading tells the priests, that before they present their offering, they are to make a profession of faith, about God's care for his people. Jesus similarly begins His life's work, affirming his total submission to God His Father. He uses the Scriptures to overcome the temptations of the devil.

READINGS:

First Reading: Deut 26:4-10
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: Jesus allows himself to be tempted by the devil, to show us how we need to constantly place our faith in our heavenly Father. We ask the Lord all through this Lenten season, to strengthen our efforts to overcome evil.

OUR RESPONSE: LORD OUR GOD WE TRUST IN YOU

For the Church, all the clergy and lay faithful: that we may be strong in our attachment to the Lord, in the midst of difficulties and temptations that come our way. We pray to the Lord...

For all Leaders, both civil and religious: that we may know how to say 'no' to every temptation to seek pleasure, honour and power; as we imitate Jesus, who came to serve and not to be served. We pray to the Lord...

For all Christians and especially those preparing for baptism: that we may remain faithful to our baptismal promises, as we renounce Satan and all his empty works. We pray to the Lord...

For the situation in Ukraine with the outbreak of war: that especially the civilians who are facing untold suffering, loss of life and disruption of their peace, may experience an end to their misery. We pray to the Lord...

For God's grace and assistance during this period of Lent: that it may be a joyful time of renewal, as we turn away from wrongdoing, and seek God's nourishing presence, through reading the Scriptures. We pray to the Lord...

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

CELEBRANT: God our Father, you call us to come back to you with all our hearts, so that we may recognize your love for us as your children. Be with us as we spend this season of Lent profitably. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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.