

## INTRODUCTION:

We celebrate today the Lord of compassion, who resolves to rescue and free us from our slavery to sin, if only we will listen to his voice calling us to repentance. We also remember the Catechumens who are to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at Easter and who are having their First Scrutiny today.

## READINGS:

**First Reading:** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8&11  
**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12  
**Gospel:** Lk 13:1-9

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

**CELEBRANT:** Let us now humbly and confidently approach the all-powerful and merciful God with all our needs saying:

**R/- Lord, graciously hear our prayer.**

1. We pray for Holy Church, that led by Pope Francis, her Vicar on earth, she may lead and guide the people to the merciful love of God. We pray to the Lord...
2. We pray for the Catechumens preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation, that while awaiting the gift of God, they may long with all their hearts for the living water that brings eternal life. We pray to the Lord...
3. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, that they may have the courage and endurance to continue to live and proclaim Christ, through the witness of their deeds. We pray to the Lord...
4. We pray for those who are sick and suffering that they may experience the healing power of this Holy Eucharist. We pray to the Lord...
5. We pray for the intentions we now make in the silence of our hearts. We pray to the Lord...

**CELEBRANT:** Lord, you extend your loving mercy and forgiveness to us through the Passion, death and resurrection of your Son Jesus. Grant that through the power of this Eucharist in which we share, we may grow in your love and holiness. 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.