



27 March 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



INTRODUCTION:

We are invited to rejoice in the mercy of God who seeks us even when we are lost in our sinfulness and treats us to a nourishing meal of love.

READINGS:

Reading I: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Psalms: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: We will bless the Lord at all times, for He listens to the prayers we make with faith in His generous mercy.

Our response is: **MERCIFUL FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

1. That all the leaders of the Church may be ambassadors of Christ, proclaiming the message of God's mercy and forgiveness to the world... We pray to the Lord...
2. That the nations of the world may enjoy peace and stability, and work in mutual harmony... We pray to the Lord...
3. That each one of us may repair and renew our relationship with God who is always ready to forgive us our sinfulness and give us dignity as His children... We pray to the Lord...
4. That all those preparing to receive the sacraments and those who are journeying with them as catechists, sponsors and Godparents, may always recognise and be open to God's grace and love... We pray to the Lord...
5. That God will heal the wounds of words and actions so that families may work together and support one another... We pray to the Lord...
6. That God may listen to the prayers we make with faith in His generous love and mercy... (*pause for 7seconds*)... We pray to the Lord...

CELEBRANT: We thank You and praise You Lord for listening to the prayers we make 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.