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Saint Thomas, Apostle of India
Solemnity



INTRODUCTION:

The doubting Apostle Thomas, at the invitation of the Risen Jesus, who comes especially to meet him, makes a powerful declaration: “My Lord and my God”. Jesus pronounces a Blessing for us all: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” As we celebrate St. Thomas who brought the faith to India, we are reminded of our responsibility to spread the same faith all around us.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: We turn with confidence to the Lord in prayer, so that like St. Thomas, we may recognize the Risen Lord, and bring Jesus to our brothers and sisters.

Response: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For the Pope, Bishops, clergy and religious: that they may steadfastly dedicate themselves to the mission entrusted to them. We pray...

For ourselves, the Church, the Body of Christ: that we may fearlessly bring the gospel values to all people of the world, by the witness of our daily lives. We pray...

For the political, and religious leaders, and those in authority: that they may give utmost priority to human rights and freedom, without favour or discrimination. We pray...

For countries suffering war and acts of terrorism: that by ending the senseless loss of life and property, common people may enjoy peace and harmony. We pray...

For missionaries engaged in apostolic ministry: that they may endure every hostility with patience and perseverance, as they spread the Good News to every land. We pray...

For our personal needs and intentions: [pause] .We pray...

Celebrant: Lord Heavenly Father we are grateful, for calling us to be apostles in the Church founded by Jesus your Son. Grant that we may bring the Gospel to all the people of India, our motherland. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.