

INTRODUCTION: The words of the antiphon summarise the prayerful relationship we are called to share with God who answers our prayers in all circumstances of life. Just like Abraham interceded for the safety of the righteous and St Paul recognises the life-giving power of God we must pray without ceasing as our Lord Jesus has invited us to.

READING I: Genesis 18:20-32a
RESP: 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8
READING II: Colossians 2:12-14
GOPEL: Luke 11:1-13

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: We are reassured by the words of Our Lord Jesus who teaches us to ask and we will receive, to seek and we will find, to knock and the door will be opened to us. Trusting in his words, we surrender our needs to Him. Our response is: **Hear our Prayer, o Lord.**

We pray that Pope Francis, the Bishops, the Clergy, Religious and the Lay Faithful may value the power of prayer as children of a God who provides for every need. We ask this in faith. **R/-**

We pray that leaders of governments and decision makers may be influential in addressing the needs of those struggling with their problems in the secular world. We ask this in faith. **R/-**

We pray that all of us may pray daily as Jesus taught us, praising and thanking God for all we have been given and asking God for forgiveness, remembering likewise to forgive others. We ask this in faith. **R/-**

We pray that our children and youth may find inspiration in the Lord's Prayer, especially when they struggle to find their own words to pray... we ask this in faith. **R/-**

We pray that we may be blessed with a good monsoon and be kept safe from the ill effects of unpleasant weather. We ask this in faith. **R/-**

We pray that God may listen to the prayers we make for our own needs and the needs of the world; especially for peace in Sri Lanka and other troubled parts of the world. We ask this in faith. **R/-**

CELEBRANT: Father most merciful, your word assures us today that you are never tired of hearing us. Thank you for listening to our prayers which we make with faith as we seek to grow in relationship with you and your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.