

**16 OCTOBER 2023**  
**TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Christ who 'opened his arms on the cross' is like Moses whose arms were raised in prayer for his people. Today Christ asks us to join him in continual prayer and never to lose heart.

**READINGS: Ex 17: 8-13**

**2 Tim 3: 14-4: 2**

**Lk 18: 1-8**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**CEL:** We are called to persevere and never give up prayer. In this spirit and immense trust, let us bring our prayers and petitions to the Lord:

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

For Our Pope Francis, the Bishops, the Clergy and the Religious, that they may lead the faithful in their commitment and perseverance in following the Gospel. **R/-**

For those who waver in their faith, that they may receive the grace of perseverance and support from the community. **R/-**

For Christians everywhere, that they may persevere in faith in all trials and tribulations, bearing witness to Christ in words and deeds. **R/-**

For those in Government, that they may strive to bring up the poor and the marginalized in society by being sensitive to them and using programs and schemes for their betterment and care. **R/-**

For all of us in this Eucharistic Celebration, that strengthened and nourished by Word and Sacrament, we may become deeply aware of the Lord's Presence and bear witness to him. **R/-**

We pray for our local and personal needs...**R/-**

**CEL:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Presence among us. Enable us to be firm in our faith and commitment to your Son Jesus, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.