

9th OCTOBER, 2022

Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTION: The Liturgy of the Word today, through the narratives of healing, invites us to reflect on our brokenness and surrender to the Lord, the areas that require His healing touch. Holistic Healing – of body, mind and spirit – is an on-going process. At times, it can be difficult as it requires us to let go of hurts, resentment and prejudices that we cling to. At this Eucharistic celebration we pray for the grace to open ourselves to the Divine Healer, who makes all things new.

READINGS:

- First Reading : 2 Kings 5: 14-17
- Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
- Second Reading : 2 Timothy 2: 8-13
- Gospel : Luke 17: 11-19

UNIVERSAL PRAYER:

CELEBRANT: With gratitude for the many blessings we have received, we come before our loving Father, surrendering our brokenness and seeking healing, as we pray: *Hear and answer us O Lord*

- For Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests and Religious: that by sharing the Good News of God's mercy and forgiveness, they may bring hope to the dispirited... *(Brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. **R/-**
- For world leaders: that they may work towards the healing of broken relationships between nations and seek to promote communal harmony among citizens... *(Brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. **R/-**
- For those in medical research, the medical professionals and caregivers – that they may find remedies and treatments for the sicknesses that plague our world, and bring healing and comfort to the sick and ailing...*(Brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. **R/-**
- For each of us: that we may experience the healing love and mercy of the Lord, through the celebration of the Sacraments... *(Brief silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. **R/-**
- For our personal intentions and for those who have asked us to pray for them, we pray in silence ... *(longer silent pause)*... we pray to the Lord. **R/-**

CELEBRANT: We surrender our petitions to You, O Divine Healer, with the confidence that you will restore us to the fullness of life; and we make these prayers through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever ... Amen.