

20 November 2022

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

INTRODUCTION:

Dear friends, the feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to ward off the dangerous rise of secularism, which questioned existence of Christ and to remind people that we belong to Christ Our King. But the Kingship of Christ is not domineering, but to serve; and His Kingdom is built on values of love and service. Let us strive to live our lives as belonging to Christ and as faithful children of his Kingdom!

READINGS:

First reading: 2 Sam 5:1-3
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122:1-2, 4-5
Second Reading: Col 1:12-20
Gospel: Lk 23:35-43

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: As loyal subjects of Christ's Kingdom, let us now raise our petitions to him:

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for Pope Francis, the Bishops, Clergy and the Religious, that as imitating Christ the King, they may, as servant leaders manifest your compassion and love. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for our leaders in government and public offices, that as stewards and servants of the people, they may work for the common good of all. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for youth and children, that they may courageously and generously respond to the calling to bear witness to the values of God's Kingdom in a radical way. We pray to the Lord.

We pray that all of us Christians may bear witness to Christ in the multi-religious and cultural milieu of our Indian context, by mingling freely with others and striving for a just and harmonious society. We pray to the Lord.

We pray that all of us present in this Eucharistic assembly may strive to live Kingdom values to the full and reach out in truth, justice and peace to all. We pray to the Lord.

CEL: Almighty ever living God, we thank you for bringing us into the Kingdom of your beloved Son Jesus. May we serve him faithfully in our lives and bear witness to him, thus coming to share in the glory of your heavenly Kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.