



12 February 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Holy Childhood Sunday



Introduction:

Today, Mother Church invites us to celebrate the gift of children as we commemorate Holy Childhood Day. Every single life, every single child, is a gift from God and a source for the growth of His Kingdom!

As we partake in this divine and holy liturgy, a celebration of communion, let us unite ourselves with all the children and pray for the orphans, unloved children suffering from incurable diseases and those children suffering from poverty and have no opportunities to deepen their faith experiences that God's protection may be over their lives.

Prayer of the Faithful:

Cel: Dear people of God, gathered in joyful hope, let us offer our prayers to our loving Father, who inspires our heart with the law of love.

Our Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For our Church leaders – that they may be shining witnesses of the values of Jesus as they let the Word of God take root in their hearts and bear fruit in their lives..., ***we pray to the Lord.***
2. For all the Children - that they understand the importance of helping, praying and evangelizing other children, and live a life of Missionary Children in their everyday activities..., ***we pray to the Lord.***
3. For all the animators - those who help, guide, support and animate children for a better future, that the Lord may bless them to be a living example..., ***we pray to the Lord.***
4. For all the students appearing for exams – that they be filled with God's wisdom and blessings and may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to Jesus, the source of all knowledge..., ***we pray to the Lord.***
5. Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort...., ***we pray to the Lord.***

Pray silently for our personal and community needs.

Cel: God our Creator, guardian of our homes and source of all blessings, you delight in the happiness of all your children. Hear the prayers we offer for all of us and the entire world. We ask all these prayers and petitions through Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFTER POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Prayer for Children

O Infant Jesus, model of Holy Childhood,
Grant to all the children of the world
to grow up in a family
like the Holy Family of Nazareth.
Like You,
may they rejoice in love and affection
of parents and relatives.
May they receive human and religious education
in order to grow in wisdom, maturity and grace
in the presence of God
and with human community.
Allow them to be dully accompanied
by loving adults,
so that they be worthily prepared
to take their role in the Church and in society.
We ask You through the intercession of
the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph.
Amen.

(Courtesy: PMS)