



19 FEBRUARY 2023
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



INTRODUCTION:

Dear friends, the Gospel today emphasizes the meaning of Christian life which is forgiveness and love of neighbour as well as enemies. For we cannot celebrate the Lord of Love without resolving to be more like him. Let's pray to him for the grace to reflect his love and forgiveness in our actions.

READINGS:

First Reading: Lev 19: 1-2; 17-18
Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 &10, 12-13
Second Reading: 1Cor 3:16-23
Gospel: Mt 5: 38 - 48

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: God has made us the temples of his Presence so that in his Wisdom, we may learn to love our enemies and those who hurt us. Let us surrender ourselves to him as we pray:

Response: Lord, hear our prayer. R/

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Clergy, Religious and the Laity that each one according to their state of life may reflect God's holiness and be witnesses of His Universal Love. R/

We pray for those in government, that they may receive the grace to understand God's Wisdom and commit themselves to work for Justice, Peace and Communal harmony. R/

We pray for the doctors, nurses and those dedicated to healthcare; that they may work as instruments of God's care and healing towards those in their care. R/

We pray for those who are suffering and burdened with difficulties and problems, that they may experience the Lord's compassion and love in these moments. R/

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

CELEBRANT: Father of all, we know that your love is Unconditional and all encompassing. Give us grace to love all our neighbours as well as our enemies so that we may truly become genuine disciples of Your Son, Jesus, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.