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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - A



INTRODUCTION

The Lord is always ready to roll away the tombstone of our sins, which separate us from him, the light of the living. Through the Eucharist he invites us to come out of the tombs which our sins have plunged us into and enjoy the mercy of God.

READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14
Responsorial Psalm: 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Second Reading: Romans 8: 8-11
Gospel: John 11: 1-45

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: With the Lord there is mercy and in Him is plentiful redemption. We surrender our prayers to the mercy of God with faith.

Our response is: **O LORD, HEAR US WE PRAY**

That the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests, Religious and the lay faithful may always proclaim the life-giving message of the Gospel in their words and actions as they follow Jesus, the resurrection and the life... we pray to the Lord... **R/**

That our government and its leaders may always help people rise from their tombs of poverty, indifference and suffering and guide their well-being as respected citizens of the land enjoying the basic necessities of life... we pray to the Lord... **R/**

That each one of us may rise to new heights as disciples of Jesus freed from the shackles of sin and death... we pray to the Lord... **R/**

That those who are mourning the death of loved ones and friends may find comfort in the healing words and the nourishing body of Jesus in the Eucharist... we pray to the Lord... **R/**

That God may listen to the prayers we make with faith in His generous love & mercy, especially for our students preparing for and writing their exams... *(pause for 7 seconds)* ... we pray to the Lord... **R/**

CELEBRANT: Merciful Father, we thank You for listening to the prayers we have made with faith in You and in Your Son Jesus, the Resurrection and the life who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.