

INTRODUCTION:

We celebrate today, THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION. Jesus shares a very special mystical experience with three of his close disciples. We join Christ on the mountain, when we are faithful to a daily, deep personal experience in prayer. The Father reveals Jesus, in the words: "This is my Son, the Beloved, who enjoys my favour."

Today, as the Archdiocese celebrates Vianney Sunday, we pray that the Lord may continue to bless all priests. Through the intercession of the saintly *Curé of Ars*, may our priests find strength and inspiration to offer spiritual nourishment to the flock even in difficult and challenging times.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: We pray for a deeper faith, as we journey to our heavenly home. Let us pray to our heavenly Father as we say:

Response: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For Pope Francis, bishops, clergy and religious: that they may encounter God in their experiences of life, thus becoming effective disciples of the Divine Master, as our shepherds and guides, we pray...

For all priests, who are called to feed the flock with the Bread of Life: that the Lord may sustain them in their ministry; we pray...

For all Christians, and especially those in our parish: that we may encounter God in our personal moments of prayer; so as to transform our life, and grow spiritually, we pray...

For our suffering brothers and sisters in Manipur, Ukraine, and Palestine, that through our prayers and concern, the Lord may bring them solace and comfort; and the efforts of the Church in India may bear fruits of peace and harmony, we pray...

For those affected by the recent rains in our city and country: that those who have lost family members, and are rendered homeless, due to flooding, landslides, and untold inconveniences, may find solutions to their problems, we pray...

For the thousands of youth at the World Youth Day: that the experience of Church, and their encounter with Pope Francis may enable them to return to their parishes, more determined to live their faith in a meaningful way, we pray...

For our personal needs and intentions: *[pause]* we pray...

CELEBRANT: Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of your Son. Help us to live transformed lives, so as to resemble Jesus more and more. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. AMEN