



01 October 2023

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A



INTRODUCTION:

Jesus likens the better son, the first one in the parable, to tax collectors and prostitutes, who change their minds and accept repentance. Jesus reminds each of us today, that the door of conversion is always open for us to turn back to God, and give up our evil ways, habits and behaviour.

First Readings: Ezek18: 25-28
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Second Reading: Phil 2: 1-11
Gospel: Mt 21: 28- 32

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT

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For Pope Francis, Bishops, priests, and religious: that in the exercise of their pastoral ministry, they may always be faithful and obedient to the divine will of God, we pray. **R/**

On this Thanksgiving Sunday: that we all may be ever grateful, and recognize the abundant gifts the Lord pours into our life, especially in the crops we sow and reap, we pray. **R/**

For all who are sick, homeless, or migrants and refugees: that they may find hope and courage in Christ and in the generosity of good people inspired by the love of the Father, to assist them, we pray. **R/**

For all of us present in this assembly: that we may grow in our constant desire, to be obedient to our loving Father, searching for and carrying out his holy will, at all times, we pray. **R/**

For all our personal needs and intentions, [*pause*] we pray. **R/**

CELEBRANT:

God our loving Father, help us to live as your sons and daughters who listen to your message, and do your will through a life of obedience. Through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**