

INTRODUCTION:

Dear friends in Christ, in answer to the question asked by Peter, Jesus reiterates the need to forgive without conditions. As humans, we have experienced hurt as well as we have hurt others. The experience of forgiveness helps us to live our Christian life more meaningfully. When we forgive, we experience forgiveness from God and from others.

READINGS:

First Reading:	Sir 27: 30- 28: 7
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 103: 1- 2, 3- 4, 9- 19, 11- 12
Second Reading:	Rom 14: 7- 9
Gospel:	Mt 18: 21- 35

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: Let us now present all our petitions to our compassionate Lord as we pray...

RESPONSE: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Clergy and Religious, that experiencing God's forgiveness in their own lives, they may radiate it to others. R/

We pray for all those who find difficult to forgive, that experiencing the forgiving love of Jesus, they be reconciled to one another. R/

We pray for those who suffer from various illnesses, that experiencing the healing touch of the Lord, they may experience good health of mind, body & spirit. R/

We pray for all of us gathered here, that pondering on the Lord's command to forgive, we may make efforts to practice it faithfully in our lives. R/

We pray for our personal intentions... R/

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank You for sending us your Son, Jesus, who by his death on the Cross, became our Reconciliation with you. May we cherish his love and radiate it in our lives by forgiving one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Our Lord. Amen.