



04 FEBRUARY 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



INTRODUCTION:

Both St. Paul as well as Jesus feel the urgency to go to all the towns to preach the gospel. Jesus affirms, "That is why he came out". As we prepare for Jubilee Year 2025, we shall grow more strongly, in our desire to listen to, and understand the teachings of the Church.

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7
Psalm: Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Second Reading: 1Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mk 1: 29-39

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: We carry the burdens of every day just as Job expresses in the First Reading. We place these before the Lord, asking Him to heal the broken hearted, as we pray:

Response: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For Pope Francis, Bishops, priests, clergy and religious: that they may generously reach out to all those who find life challenging, and bring them solace and comfort, we pray... **R/**

For those in the healing ministry: that they may entrust themselves to the Lord's powerful intervention, as they minister to those who seek a remedy in their difficult life situations, we pray... **R/**

For all the members of the Church: that we may cooperate wholeheartedly, in the efforts to prepare fittingly, to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025, declared by our Holy Father, we pray... **R/**

For all those adversely affected by the challenges encountered in facing the political, religious and social situations, prevailing in their day to day lives and in our country, we pray... **R/**

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

CELEBRANT: God our loving Father, listen to our prayers and help us to imitate Jesus who showed compassion to those burdened and suffering. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ your Son Our Lord. AMEN.