

INTRODUCTION:

God's power continues to be evident in the world today in the Eucharist. May He always amaze us in Jesus in whose name we gather for worship.

First Reading: Deut 18: 15-20
Psalm: Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7abc, 7d-9
Second Reading: 1Cor 7: 32-35
Gospel: Mk 1: 21-28

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: We ring out our joy to the Lord and we offer our petitions to Him as we pray: **Merciful Father, Hear our Prayer.**

That the Holy Father, Bishops, Clergy, Religious and the lay faithful may always submit to the authority of Jesus, the Holy One of God as prophets in a world struggling with violence and selfishness... we pray... **R/**

That all political leaders may govern with empathy and care for all the people entrusted to their care especially the poor and vulnerable... we pray... **R/**

That we may always secure our undivided devotion to God through our lives of prayer, generosity and service... we pray... **R/**

That God's power and mercy may envelope situations of violence, injustice and crisis in the world... we pray... **R/**

That God may listen to the prayers we now make with faith in His infinite goodness... *(pause for 7 seconds)* ... we pray... **R/**

CELEBRANT:

Our Lord and our God, we thank You for listening to our prayers which we make with faith in Your bountiful mercy through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.