

Introduction:

Dear friends, on this first Sunday of Lent, we renew our response to the Covenant, to the pact of Love that God made with each of us at our Baptism. Just as Noah realized that even after the flood, God's love had not abandoned nor ever would abandon, the earth and its creatures, we too are assured that like Christ in the Wilderness, we too will be sustained by God in our temptations, as we heed his Call today to "Repent and believe the Good News!"

First Reading: Gen 9:8-15
Psalm: Ps 24:4-9
Second Reading: 1Pt 3:18-22
Gospel: Mk 1: 29-39

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Having strengthened our Covenant with the Lord through his Word, let us now express our needs to him.

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for Pope Francis, the Bishops, Clergy and Religious that proclaiming God's Covenantal love to all humankind, they may reach out to all people of goodwill by their Pastoral ministry and initiatives. R/

We pray for our country, preparing for Lok Sabha Elections in April. That our People may rightly discern and exercise their right to vote judiciously for the Common Good. R/

We pray that all of us may use this season of Lent, to realize God's Covenantal Love personally and as a Community and strive to imitate it in our day to day living. R/

We pray that in this season of Lent, we may do Spiritual Warfare by positively using the means of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving to grow in Charity and forgiveness towards each other. R/

We pray that hearkening to Christ's Call, "To Repent and believe the Good News", we may imbibe the Spirit of Repentance and have recourse to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and strive to do good deeds of mercy to others. R/

Celebrant: May your faithful people, O Lord, we pray always respond to the promptings of your love and, moved by wholesome compunction, may they do gladly what you command, so as to receive the things you promise, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.