



25 AUGUST 2024

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B



Introduction: God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but we must respond to His grace and confess our own belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us as members of the body of Christ to the path of life that Jesus directs, leading us to eternal life.

Readings:

First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Resp. Psalm: 34: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23
Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 21-32
Gospel: John 6: 6-69

Prayer of the Faithful:

Celebrant:

We serve the Lord our God who does great things for us and listens to the prayers we make with deep faith in Him. Our response is: **HEAR OUR PRAYERS O LORD.**

For our Holy Father, Bishops, Priests, Religious and the lay faithful; that we may always serve God who has created us and follow His Son Jesus who leads us to eternal life ... we pray...

For our government and all leaders; that the well-being of all citizens may be uppermost in the priorities, plans and programmes they undertake... we pray...

For all of us gathered here; that we may celebrate our choice of being disciples of Jesus who has loved the Church and given himself up for her... we pray...

For all married couples; that they may reflect the love, respect, compassion and generosity of Jesus, the bridegroom in his relationship with the Church, his bride... we pray...

For peace in the world; that countries at war may reconcile with each other and violence-affected persons may experience healing and comfort... we pray...

For our needs and intentions which we place before God with faith... (*Pause for 7 seconds*)... we pray...

Celebrant:

Gracious Lord, we worship You as our Lord and God and thank You for listening to our prayers which we make through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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