

Introduction:

Our Liturgy today reminds us to be open to God's spirit in unexpected ways and to live justly. They call us to avoid sin, help others, and recognize good works. Jesus says anyone who does good in His name is part of His mission. This teaches us to be open and inclusive.

Readings:

First Reading: Num 11:25-29
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14
Second Reading: Jas 5:1-6
Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: With sincere hearts, we present our needs and the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ to our heavenly Father.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Pope, Bishops, priest and religious may be encouraged by the Spirit as they teach all people around the world the Good News. ... (*Brief pause*)... we pray to the Lord.

For attorneys, judges, and all who work in our courts, that they may grow in wisdom and in their commitment to justice tempered with mercy. ... (*Brief pause*)... we pray to the Lord.

That Christians everywhere will embrace their call to seek greater justice in our world, where the life, dignity, and rights of the born and unborn are respected and defended. ... (*Brief pause*)... we pray to the Lord.

That those who have died believing in Christ may enjoy the glory of the heavenly kingdom. ... (*Brief pause*)... we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant:

God of mercy, you know all our needs and you sustain us in your service. We thank you for your faithfulness and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.