

10 November 2024 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Violence Free Families Sunday



INTRODUCTION:

Eradicating violence in the family is not a matter of choice, chivalry, or good nature, it is an obligation and a responsibility imposed on us by our humanity and interdependence. Our Liturgy today, on Violence Free Families Sunday emphasizes faith, sacrifice, and trust in God. These themes help us reflect on our relationship with God and others.

READINGS:

First Reading: 1 Kings 17: 10-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146: 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28 **Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: As we have gathered in faith and trust in God'senduring love and protection, let us bring our petitions and needs to Him, confident that our prayers will be heard and answered.

RESPONSE: Hear our prayer O Lord

For the Church: that all the members may find strength and reassurance in God's presence, trusting Him to calm the storms of our lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

For those in Authority: that they be ready to extend a helping hand and listening ear to anyone in need. May they act in justice thus fostering peace in times of turmoil and uncertainty. Let us pray to the Lord.

For all families: that the love of Christ may dwell in their hearts and homes, uniting them in love, respect and mutual understanding. Let us pray to the Lord.

For our parishioners: that all individuals and families struggling with physical and mental abuse, ill health and other challenges may experience God's comfort. Let us pray to the Lord.

For each one of us gathered here today: that we endeavour to challenge stereotypical behaviour and violence and work to strengthen relationships in the family and society. Let us pray to the Lord.

CELEBRANT:

Gracious God, hear our prayers and grant them for the good of your children who now call upon you. We ask this in his name, Christ our Lord. Amen.

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