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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - C

World day of consecrated life



Introduction:

On the feast day of the Presentation of the Lord, the universal Church celebrates the World Day of Consecrated Life – a day dedicated to all those individuals who have presented themselves as priests, religious brothers and sisters for the mission of Jesus Christ, who is the True Light of the world. This day reminds us that just as Jesus was presented to the Father in heaven, we too are similarly presented and consecrated to live a life marked by holiness.

Readings:

First Reading: Mal 3: 4-1
Psalm: Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Second Reading: Heb 2: 14-18
Gospel: Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2: 22-32

Prayers of the Faithful:

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, with confidence in your love us, we present to you our prayers and petitions.

Response: Father in your mercy, hear us.

For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests and Religious, that they may constantly radiate the glow and warmth of the light of Jesus Christ while fulfilling their vocational promises and duties. R/

For those in governance that inspired by the gospel values, they may strive to govern with peace, truth and justice. R/

For all of us gathered here, that recognizing our baptism as a moment of our consecration to the Lord, we too may make genuine efforts to live out the gospel values in our daily life. R/

For Holy Father's Universal Prayer Intention, *for vocations to the priesthood and religious life*: We pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. R/

For all our elderly, sick, infirmed and weary of heart, that they may experience the healing and consolation that only Jesus Christ brings. R/

For our personal intentions we now pray to the Lord in silence (pause). R/

Celebrant: Abba Father, we your children present ourselves to your love and mercy. Our faith assures us that you have answered all our prayers which we make through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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