



26 January 2025

**Republic Day & Word of God Sunday**  
(Specifically For India)



**Introduction:**

We observe Word of God Sunday as we celebrate the fulfilment of Scripture in Jesus as our Lord and Messiah. Let us as members of the body of Christ be united in bringing the good news of hope to the whole world.

**Readings:**

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
**Psalm:** Psalm 84: 2-3,5-6,9-10  
**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-2. 21-24  
**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Celebrant:**

As citizens of our democratic republic, we surrender our intentions to God whose Word was made flesh in Jesus the Messiah who came to bring us hope. Our response is: **HEAR US O LORD**

For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests, Religious and the lay faithful; that baptised into one body we may be inspired by the Word of God to be united, resourceful & hope-filled disciples after the heart of Jesus... We pray...

For our government and its leaders; that the programmes they plan and the work they do may bring hope to the poor, the marginalised, the vulnerable and those suffering the lack of basic necessities of life... We pray...

For all of us gathered here; that the Eucharist may nourish us as we proclaim the good news and bring hope to all, irrespective of gender, caste and religious orientation... We pray...

For our children and youth; that they may be inspired by the Word of God, and work with hope for peace and development of all as citizens of India... We pray...

For all who serve the country and ensure her safety, protection and basic facilities; that they may be blessed for their efforts in maintaining order and peace... We pray...

For our personal needs and intentions; that God may listen to the prayers we make with faith in His generous love & mercy, ... *(pause for 7 seconds)*... we pray...

**Celebrant:**

Abba Father, we thank You for Your word that inspires our living as citizens of India and for listening to the prayers we make through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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