

Introduction:

The Liturgy today emphasizes God's commitment to justice especially for the poor and the oppressed. It encourages us to live our faith through concrete actions and not just words. As we celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, let us pray for the migrants and refugees who often face incredible hardship and uncertainty in their search for safety, stability, and belonging.

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Second Reading: 1Tim 6:11-16
Gospel: Lk 16:19-31

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Jesus invites us to be sensitive to the cry of the poor and reach out to them with compassion. We now approach God with confidence, that our eyes and hearts may be opened to see the needs and misery of those who are oppressed and suffering.

Response: Lord, graciously hear our prayer.

For the Church – That our Holy Father Pope Leo, Bishops, Priests, Religious and all the faithful may be strengthened to live out the Gospel call to welcome the stranger, especially the migrant and the refugee, with open arms and compassionate hearts. *We pray to the Lord.*

For world leaders and policymakers – That they may work tirelessly for peace, justice, and the dignity of all people, and enact policies that protect the rights and lives of migrants and refugees. *We pray to the Lord.*

For migrants and refugees worldwide – They may they may find comfort in their journey, safety for their families, and communities that welcome them. May their hopes for a new life be met with kindness, love, and acceptance. *We pray to the Lord.*

For all of us present at this Eucharistic celebration: That we may recognize Christ in every person and conduct our lives always keeping in mind our eternal life in heaven, and never close our eyes to the needs of the poor neighbours. *We pray to the Lord.*

For our personal needs and the needs of our parish community (pause). *We pray to the Lord.*

Celebrant: God of justice and mercy, may we become living witnesses of your compassion and love. Help us to promote works of mercy and exercise fraternal charity in the Christian community and in the society at large for an inclusive church. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

-By Commission for Migrants

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