

Introduction:

Dear friends in Christ, today's readings remind us that God is the defender of the poor and that we are his stewards. And he expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. Hence, we need to use our God-given talents and blessings, like wealth, to win friends by reaching out to those in need and thus, wisely to attain Heavenly bliss.

First reading: Amos 8:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 113: 1bc-2,4-6,7-8
Second reading: 1Tim 2: 1-8
Gospel: Lk 16: 1-13

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Our God, is the Lord of the oppressed. Let us raise our petitions to him:

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for Leo Our Pope, the Bishops, Clergy and Religious everywhere that each at their own levels may strive to be faithful and prudent stewards of God's mysteries. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those in Government and all the leaders that they may strive to raise the poor and the oppressed, those unemployed and living on margins of society, by providing job opportunities and economic schemes that percolate down to the poor. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who are rich and for the country industrialists, that they may think in terms of the common man and share their resources by introducing economic platforms that really bring up the lower masses of our society. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for our small Christian Communities, that we may strive to reach out to the needy in our vicinities, by sharing our God-given blessings and resources with them. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for a selfless heart and open hands, realizing that God loves a cheerful giver, and win friends among the poor and needy, by sharing our resources with them. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant:

Graciously enlighten your family, O Lord; that by holding fast to what is pleasing to you, we may strive to be your faithful and prudent stewards of your blessings to us. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.