

Introduction:

God listens to humble, faith-filled hearts. Like the tax collector, we come acknowledging our need for mercy and grace. St. Paul's steadfast faith inspires us to persevere in trust, knowing that the Lord stands by us. Let us now offer this Eucharist with grateful and humble hearts.

Reading I: Sirach 35: 15b-17, 20-22a
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19 & 23
Reading II: Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Like the humble tax collector, we come honestly before God, thankful for His mercy and strength, trusting Him who listens to our prayers.

Our response is: HEAR OUR PRAYER O LORD.

That the leaders of the Church may be living witnesses of humility and love, guiding us to discover God's mercy and our mission in today's world... we pray...

That world leaders may promote peace, justice, and understanding, working together to build a future filled with hope for all... we pray...

That we may approach this Eucharist with open hearts, grow in faith, and share God's love through kindness, humility, and service... we pray..

That young men and women may hear God's call and courageously follow Christ, serving with humble hearts and joyful dedication... we pray...

That God may comfort those who feel lost, anxious, or unworthy, reminding them of their dignity and His unconditional love... we pray...

That God may listen to our personal intentions which we now offer... *(pause for 10 seconds)* ... we pray...

Celebrant:

Loving Father, thank You for hearing our prayers. Strengthen our faith and guide us to serve You humbly and joyfully. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.