

Introduction:

Dear Friends in Christ, the liturgy today speaks of events of end times beginning with the destruction of the Temple, followed by wars and fearful signs from heaven, which will be preceded by the time of Persecutions. In and through all that will come about the triumph of God over all that is evil, whereby Christ gives us strength in the Eucharist to overcome evil and to win our lives by our endurance!

FIRST READING:	Mal 4: 1-2a
PSALM:	Ps 98: 5-6, 7-9a, 9bcd
SECOND READING:	2Thes 3: 7-12
GOSPEL:	Lk 21: 5-19

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: The Lord comes to rule his people with fairness. Let us express our petitions to him:

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for Leo Our Pope, all Bishops, Clergy and Religious everywhere, that they may guide us through Evangelization and various apostolates in the Church, to persevere through all trials and tribulations of the present age. ... we pray...

We pray for all Political leaders, that they may promote Religious Freedom and be impartial and respect all Religious Traditions, thus promoting Communal harmony and Peace. ... we pray...

We pray for various continents in the world affected by earthquakes, hurricanes and stormy rains, that these natural disasters may cease and climatic normalcy with seasonal balance may soon return to our planet. ... we pray...

We pray for Christians everywhere in the world who are facing persecutions for their faith, that strengthened by Our Lord's words in the Gospel today, "Your endurance will win you your lives", we may persevere in all trials and tribulations of the present age. ... we pray...

We pray for personal intentions... *(pause for 10 seconds)* ... we pray...

Celebrant:

Keep your Family safe, O Lord, we pray and grant them the abundance of your mercies, that they may find growth and strength through all trials, so as to endure and receive the things you promise, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.