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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A



Introduction:

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a radical vision of the Kingdom of God and the Beatitudes helps us make that vision a reality. The Beatitudes are not just ideals but they give us a portrait of Jesus himself. In him we witness, perfect poverty of spirit, meekness, purity, mercy and peacemaker. This portrait overturns the expectations of the world and build the Kingdom of God. We are called to follow Jesus and embody these blessings, these beatitudes, trusting that God's kingdom is already becoming a reality in our lives.

First Reading: Zeph 2:3, 3: 12-13
Psalm: Ps 146: 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1: 26-31
Gospel: Mt 5: 1-12a

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant Together gathered in faith, let us now lift our prayers to the Father who blesses the poor in spirit and calls us to live the Beatitudes.

Our Response is: *Abba Father, hear our prayer.*

For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests and Religious, that together we may embody the spirit of the Beatitudes, proclaiming Christ's mercy and justice to the world. We pray to the Lord.

For Holy Father's Universal Prayer Intention, *for children with incurable diseases*: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. We pray to the Lord.

For the leaders of nations, that they may work for peace, uphold human dignity, and defend the rights of the poor and vulnerable. We pray to the Lord.

For the poor and oppressed, that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness may be satisfied, and that the meek may find strength in God's love. We pray to the Lord.

For the sick and suffering, that those who mourn, those burdened by illness, and those in despair may be comforted by Christ's healing presence. We pray to the Lord.

For our personal intentions, we now pray to the Lord in silence (pause). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, You bless those who walk in humility and truth. Hear our prayers and help us to live the Beatitudes with courage and joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.