

Introduction:

Today, the Word of God reminds us that faith is not only something we believe, but something we live. God's light shines through lives of compassion, justice, humility, and service. Jesus calls us to be salt of the earth and light of the world, bringing hope where there is darkness and love where there is brokenness. Yet, we often fail to shine with Christ's light. We become lukewarm, afraid, or indifferent to the needs of others. As we gather to celebrate this Eucharist, let us ask for the grace to become true bearers of His light in the world.

Readings:

First Reading : Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm : Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8a & 9

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel : Matthew 5: 13-16

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Loving Father, we bring before You our petitions, seeking Your grace to live by the values of the Gospel. Our Response is: *Lord, hear our prayer*

- We pray for the Church that, strengthened by God's Word and nourished by the Eucharist, we may truly be salt of the earth and light of the world, preserving goodness and leading people to God. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for world leaders and those in authority that guided by justice and compassion, they may promote peace, defend the poor and the vulnerable, and reflect God's light in their decisions. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for those affected by conflict and division that hearts may be opened to reconciliation, understanding, and forgiveness, and that peace may take root in our world We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for all who suffer from illness, loneliness, or despair that they may experience Christ's healing presence through the care, kindness, and support of those around them, and be renewed in hope We pray to the Lord.
- We pray in silence for our personal intentions and for those who have asked for our prayers *silent pause*). We pray to the Lord

Celebrant: Loving Father, we praise You for Your unfailing mercy. Hear the prayers we offer and grant us the grace to live as salt and light in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.