

INTRODUCTION:

Faced with all the evil as well as tribulations in the world and the fearful consequences of sin, we might well be afraid did we not have Christ as a Mighty Hero at our side, the source of divine grace. Let us thank him for always being by our side and delivering the soul of the needy from the hands of wicked men.

READINGS:

First Reading: Jer 20: 10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69: 8-10, 14 & 17, 33-35

Second Reading: Romans 5: 12--15

Gospel: Mathew 10:26-33

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us now turn to the Lord, who is a mighty fortress for those who trust in Him:

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

- We pray for Pope Leo, Bishops, Clergy and Religious that through their proclamation and apostolates, they may declare themselves for Christ in the Presence of the Heavenly Father. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for World leaders and for those in our government, that they may strive to work for Justice and peace, by working for the Common good of all. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for those in the world who are facing Persecutions for bearing the name of Christ, that they may be strengthened to bear witness to Him through their suffering. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for ourselves, that faced with trials and tribulations on all sides, we may experience Christ as our mighty hero, who always stands by us. We pray to the Lord.
- O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for our personal and local needs (pause in silence) We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Be gracious to your people, O Lord, and do not withhold consolation on earth from those you call to strive for heaven, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.