

INTRODUCTION:

As we gather around the altar to celebrate this Holy Eucharist, we are reminded that Christ calls each of us to place Him above every attachment and follow Him with wholehearted love. Through Baptism we have died with Christ and are called to live a new life in Him. In this sacred celebration, may we open our hearts to God's grace, renew our discipleship, and receive strength to live the Gospel faithfully.

READINGS:

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Trusting in God who hears our cries, strengthens our faith, and calls us to discipleship, we present our prayers with confidence.

Response: Hear our prayer O Lord.

- That the Holy Father, Bishops, Clergy, Religious and the Lay Faithful may courageously proclaim Christ above all earthly attachments and faithfully witness to the Gospel through love and service. We pray to the Lord.
- That all world leaders may govern with justice, compassion and wisdom, bringing hope to the suffering and peace to nations waging war. We pray to the Lord.
- That each one of us may die to sin, rise with Christ and live as joyful disciples each day...we pray...
- That many generous hearts may respond to Christ's call to the priesthood and the religious life with courage, dedication and joyful service. We pray to the Lord.
- That we may be blessed with timely and sufficient rains, and be protected from the uncertainties and harsh effects of adverse weather. We pray to the Lord.
- That God may listen to the prayers we make with faith in His mercy... *(pause for few seconds)* We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, receive these prayers we offer in faith. Strengthen us through the Eucharist to follow Christ wholeheartedly, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.