

Introduction:

Every day we are surrounded by words. Some are quickly forgotten; others remain with us for years. A word of encouragement can give hope. A word of forgiveness can heal a broken relationship. A word of truth can change the direction of a life. Today we are reminded that whenever God speaks, His Word has the power to give life, to transform hearts, and to accomplish His loving purpose. God never stops speaking; the real question is whether we are listening, allowing His Word to take root, and shaping the way we live. As we listen to His Word today, perhaps we could ask ourselves: Have I allowed God's Word to change my life, or have I become content merely to hear it?

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Responsorial psalm: Ps 65: 10abcd, 10e-11, 12-13a, 13b-14
Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Mathew 13:1-23

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: God continues to sow the seed of His Word generously in our hearts and in our world. Trusting that His Word never returns empty, we confidently present our prayers to our loving Father.

Response: *Hear our prayer, O Lord*

- We pray for Pope Leo, our Bishops, Priests, Religious and Catechists: that they may faithfully sow the Word of God with courage and conviction, trusting that the Lord will bring forth an abundant harvest. We Pray to the Lord
- We pray for those in public office: that the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of the Electoral Roll may be carried out with justice, fairness, and transparency, safeguarding the rights of every eligible citizen. We Pray to the Lord
- We pray with thanks for the onset of the monsoon: and that the Lord may continue to bless us with sufficient rains, sustaining all life, and protecting us from floods and natural calamities. We Pray to the Lord
- We pray for or those burdened by sickness, grief, anxiety, adversity and the many challenges of life: that they may remain steadfast in faith, trusting that God is at work even in times of waiting and trial. We Pray to the Lord
- We pray for our parish community: that God's Word may find rich soil in our hearts, leading us not only to hear the Gospel but to understand it, live it faithfully, and bear lasting fruit in our families and society. We Pray to the Lord
- We pray in silence for our own needs and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers. (Pause in silence). We Pray to the Lord

Celebrant: Eternal Father, confident that You never cease to care for Your people, we entrust these our prayers to You, with trust in Your loving providence. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.