

Introduction

The Liturgy today brings into sharp focus the commitment in love which are we called to live towards our God and our neighbour. The readings invite us to reflect on the responsibility given to each one of us to lead others towards holiness of life. This responsibility is given to us through our baptism and the love that God showers on each one of us. Because He loves us, we are called to journey along with the other to help them in their weakness, to guide them when they lose their way and to share the light of Christ in their moments of darkness. Through this Holy Eucharist, that bonds us as one body in Christ, let us resolve to help one another to grow in holiness.

First Reading: Ezek 33: 7-9
Psalm: Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7abc, 7d-9
Second Reading: Rom 13: 8-10
Gospel: Mt 18: 15-20

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: As one worshipping family, we believe in the generosity of our Father in heaven. With confidence let us now place our intentions before him.

Response: Abba Father, hear our prayers.

- For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests, Religious men and women, that through their witness of prayer and ministry, they may build stronger bonds in Christ within the communities. We pray to the Lord.
- For Holy Father's Universal Prayer Intention, *for the care of water*: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it. We pray to the Lord.
- For the girl child and all women, that their beauty and courage may always shine in this world bringing love, grace and empathy to all children of God. We pray to the Lord.
- For the leaders of the world, that they may uphold and safeguard the dignity of women in all community spaces. We pray to the Lord.
- For those struggling with health of body, mind and soul, that they experience the healing touch of the Lord. We pray to the Lord.
- For our personal intentions, we now pray in silence (pause). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Abba Father, we praise you for your generous love. Thank you for listening to our prayers and the hidden yearnings of our heart, which we place before you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.