

Introduction

Dear friends in Christ, as the Prophet Jeremiah felt reluctance to offer himself as a living sacrifice to God's Will, we too, in our human nature experience the same reluctance to accept the Cross. But what a consolation it is to know that Christ too experienced the same reluctance of the flesh and had to struggle to overcome it. We too shall be victorious over the same with the help of his grace!

First Reading: Jer 20:7-9
Psalm: Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2
Gospel: Mt 16:21-27

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: Let us now express our needs to the Lord as we say:

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

- For Pope Leo, Bishops, Clergy and Religious everywhere that imitating Christ who overcame all suffering, they too may overcome all obstacles and persevere in offering themselves to do God's Will in their life and ministry. We pray to the Lord.
- For those in government that they may strive to work for Common good of all and to overcome all divisions and conflicts in the country, focus on issues of education, flood-affected areas of our country and work for communal harmony. We pray to the Lord.
- That as committed Christians, we may strive to follow Christ faithfully and radically, as he demands it in the Gospel, and embrace the Cross willingly. We pray to the Lord.
- For our Families and Communities, that through them, we may witness the love of Christ to others by renouncing ourselves, taking up our cross and follow him faithfully. We pray to the Lord.
- For our personal intentions, we now pray in silence (pause). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: May your family always rejoice together, O God, over the mysteries of redemption they celebrate and grant us all the perseverance to follow Your Son, Jesus, faithfully, who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.