



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

Third Sunday of Easter

18th April 2021

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant: Following on the appearance of Jesus to his apostles and their resultant joy, Jesus now goes a step further and proclaims the mercy of God and the need to repentance from our sins as a means of completing his mission of reconciling all mankind to God. Hearing Peter speak about God's eagerness to forgive sins many of his listeners repented and were born again through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Let us then examine ourselves and avail of God's unconditional acts of mercy, as we put forward our petitions:

Let our response be: In your mercy, hear our prayer.

1. For Pope Francis, our Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious, that they may be true witnesses of God's mercy and proclaim his goodness with the help of the Holy Spirit, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
2. For the leaders of Governments - that they may co-operate with each other and ensure that the people under their care may obtain the vaccines and that those in authority may decide on the right choices in their administrative capacity for the optimum healthcare of the people in this pandemic, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For those who do not believe in God, that they may be aware of the great love of God for all people and that they may be enlightened to believe in him and thus obtain his mercy, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For the poor and the migrants, who are once again adversely affected by the lockdown directives, that they may be able to find sustenance from their employers or in their native places until the restoration of the normal economic environment, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
5. Let us pray for our personal needs..... **Our response.**

Concluding prayer (Celebrant): Heavenly Father, as we continue to exult in this Easter Season, help us to be firm in our faith and avoid all occasions of sin. May we be always conscious of our ways and be repentant at heart so that we may enjoy your graces, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.