



## **Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O.T.**

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### **Prayers of the faithful**

**Celebrant:** God is his goodness provides us with different gifts to enable us to serve him and our neighbour. However, we are warned not to misuse it but to employ them for the common good, and with a sense of responsibility. As we put forward our petitions, let us thank God for the many gifts he has given us in his magnanimous way and ask him to help us use those gifts generously and in a responsible manner:

**Let our response be: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.**

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious - that God may bless them and that they may be able to preserve faithfully the deposit of faith that has been entrusted to them by God, **we pray to the Lord, our response.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – that they may deliberate and consider with wisdom and love the needs of the migrants who are looking for safe havens as they flee a life of terror and violence in their own countries, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For all families, - that they may remain united in spite of the psychological, social and financial challenges being faced by them in these long, arduous and seemingly endless days of the pandemic, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For all women, - particularly those without protection, namely, those living on the streets and in the rural areas, and are exposed to the vulgar and cruel acts of molestation, rape, violence and murder, with no sign of help or escape, that they may be delivered from their predicament and provided the shelter and protection they need from NGOs and those who are well placed, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
5. Let us pray for our personal needs..... , **we pray to the Lord, Our response.**

**Concluding prayer (Celebrant):** Heavenly father, you treat all mankind with equality and justice and have a particular love for the widow and the orphan. You bind the broken hearted and heal their wounds. Instil in us the same spirit of love so that we may not only praise you but also respond in love to our fellowmen in need, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.