



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

27th Sunday in O.T.

3rd October 2021

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant: Human suffering is something that has bothered mankind since ages, even taking them away from God who, they say, does nothing in spite of the sufferings of various kinds existing in the world today. However, Jesus' own self-willed suffering and death serves to make him the founder of salvation for all. As we put forward our petitions, let us pray in a special way for all those suffering from all sorts of afflictions that they may know that God is with them and he will deliver them from their predicaments:

Let our response be: Lord, bless us always.

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious - that they may be strengthened in their work by the Holy Spirit and be free from all afflictions, **we pray to the Lord, our response.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – that their minds and hearts may be enlightened by the Almighty to consider the needs of the poor, the migrants, the homeless and the destitute, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For all married couples, - that they may know the sacredness of their vows made to each other in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, - its indissolubility, its opportunity for giving rather than receiving and its extraordinary privilege of being made co-partners with God in the act of procreation, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For all youth, - that they may read the word of God and be inspired and led by it into a deeper relationship with God, and that they may even contemplate serving Him through the priesthood or religious life, **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, we have put before you our petitions. Grant them according to your will. Help us to understand that there is no crisis that is beyond your control. Let us have your protection and help us to walk in your ways so that we may enjoy the fruits of the redemption promised to us through the ages, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.