



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

Second Sunday of Easter –

Divine Mercy Sunday

11th April 2021

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant: Jesus does not leave his apostles with the memory of the empty tomb but makes his presence felt amongst them, not only to remove any element of doubt but also to allow them to exult in his resurrection. Jesus also leaves a blessing for all of us, and for future generations, who will believe in him. Let us, therefore, with grateful hearts approach God with our petitions:

Let our response be: O Fount of Mercy, I trust in you.

1. For Pope Francis, our Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious, that as the Holy Spirit breathes into them, they may be joyful witnesses of the Lord's death and Resurrection to the world, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
2. For the leaders of Governments who have lost the public mandate, that they may relinquish their positions of authority into the hands of those duly elected by their people, so that the citizens of those countries may enjoy a life of peace, prosperity and justice, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For those adversely affected by the recent lockdown directives - businesses, employees, and migrants, that their predicament may be considered through suitable amendments to enable them to provide for themselves in this long-drawn fight against the corona virus infection, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For all the poor and homeless, and those girls left without protection, that they may find love and concern from those around them, and from the law enforcement agencies, and be granted the dignity of life and security which is found so lacking in the rural areas and dark parts of the cities, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
5. Let us pray for our personal needs **Our response.**

Concluding prayer (Celebrant): Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Son, Jesus, from whom divine mercy flowed from his pierced side to the whole world, and thus became a source of salvation to all who believe in him. Listen to our prayers and grant them according to your will, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.