



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

First Sunday of Lent

21st February 2021

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant: In the beginning of this Lenten Season we are confronted with God's disappointment with the people of old and how they sinned so consistently that they made God to regret having created them and, except for Noah and his family, all people together with creation were destroyed. But we have no reason to despair for we now have Jesus, who himself underwent temptation, and overcame it, and has preached the Gospel of deliverance through repentance and the forgiveness of sins. So with confidence we approach the throne of grace as we put forward our petitions:

Let our response be : Lord, turn our hearts to you.

1. For Pope Francis, our Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious, that they may be blessed and efficaciously proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ whose death and resurrection has brought us redemption, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
2. For the Government officials and those in authority, that they may follow democratic principles and allow freedom of speech, which is a constitutional right, and not suppress the will of the people to follow their own agenda, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For the success of the vaccination rollout and for inspiration to the governments who have these vaccine doses, that they may share them with the countries that cannot afford them, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For all the faithful, that we may use this Lenten season to return to God and bring about a true conversion of heart, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
5. Let us pray for our personal needs..... **Our response.**

Concluding prayer (Celebrant): Heavenly Father, listen to our prayers, and grant them according to your will. In your mercy help us to stand firm in our faith and do not deprive us of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be faithful to the end, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen: