



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times

31st January 2021

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant: With the acknowledgement of Jesus as the Holy One of God by the man possessed by the evil spirit and the drawing out of the demon with authority, Jesus proves his identity as the prophet who would be raised by God from among the chosen people of God as spoken of in the Book of Deuteronomy. Let us therefore acknowledge the power of God at work in us as we put forward our petitions:

Let our response be: Lord, heal us in your power.

1. For Pope Francis, our Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious, that God may bless them as they proclaim the healing power of God to all people, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
2. For the Government officials and those in authority, that they may be just in their dealings with the people and consider not their personal agenda but the requirements of the poor in their work, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For the manufacturers of the vaccine the world over, that as the vaccination drive goes into full gear they may organize the supply of vaccines keeping in mind the requirements of the poor countries who cannot afford to pay for it, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For those who do not believe in God, that they may see the light and may come to the knowledge of the truth of the power of Jesus Christ and surrender themselves to him and be healed, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
5. Let us pray for our personal needs..... **Our response.**

Concluding prayer (Celebrant): Heavenly Father, the people of old acknowledged your power and were afraid to even stand before you. Listen to the prayers of the people who now approach you placing their trust you and in our Saviour Jesus Christ who humbled himself and dwelt amongst us and even called us friends. Grant our petitions and take away from us all that is displeasing to you, we make this prayer, through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**