



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

First Sunday of Advent

28th November 2021

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant : With the commencement of the Season of Advent we are called by God through the Scripture verses to change our ways, to be holy, humble and righteous and follow all that the apostles taught when they proclaimed God's word to the people. As we put forward our petitions let us joyously anticipate the coming of our Lord:

Let our response be : Lord, make me know your ways.

1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious – that, filled with God's spirit they may efficaciously proclaim God's word and help us prepare for the coming of his kingdom, **we pray to the Lord, our response.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – that they may govern in truth and diligence and avoid the temptation to usurp powers at the cost of the people they are elected to minister to, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For all the vulnerable people – infants, particularly the abandoned, children running from their homes to avoid abuse and violence, the mentally deranged who are totally dependent on others, and the elderly who are bedridden, that God may protect them and they may find help from those around them. **We pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For those who have become lukewarm in their faith – that they may read the word of God and be enlightened in matters where they have lost a sensitivity to sin, and develop a spirit of repentance and humility and thus walk closer with God in this season of Advent, **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, it was your will that all mankind be saved in spite of our sinfulness and thus you sent your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver us from the darkness of sin, grant we beseech thee pardon for our shortcomings and help us to live our lives in righteousness and truth, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.