



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

Third Sunday of Advent

12th December 2021

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant : In those days the prophets spoke to the Israelites of impending droughts, pestilence and invasion from their neighbours. But now they speak of God's mercy and love and the people are filled with the hope and joy that will be experienced with the coming of the Messiah. As we put forward our petitions, let us celebrate God's outpouring of his love on us by the sending of his only Son with solemn worship and glad rejoicing:

Let our response be : Lord, increase our faith.

1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious – that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and strengthened in their work as they continue to proclaim God's word with sincerity and dedication, **we pray to the Lord, our response.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – that they may not rule with pride and selfishness but rather with humility and diligence for the common good, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For the poor and the homeless – particularly those who are mentally deranged and abandoned by their own families and left in the streets to fend for themselves, that God may provide for them through the generosity of those around them, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For those infected with the new variant of the virus, that the medical staff tending to them may find courage and strength to provide the right and timely treatment to them and thus stem the spreading of this infection beyond control, **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 forward our petitions. Grant them according to your will. May the coming of the Saviour fill our hearts with hope and joy and may we remain steadfast in our faith so that we may receive him worthily, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.