



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

Fourth Sunday of Advent

19th December 2021

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant : As we continue with the Advent Season and draw near to the celebration of the birth of Christ the scriptures give us a vision of the kingdom of justice and peace that the Messiah would usher in. However, this would require a radical change in our thinking and action. As we put forward our petitions, let us make ourselves predisposed to listen to his word and act on it:

Let our response be : Lord, give us life that we may call upon your name.

1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious – that their proclamation of the word of God may bring about a radical change in the attitude and faith experience of the people of God so as to enjoy a time of justice and peace, we **pray to the Lord, our response.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – that they may be aware that their authority does not come from their merits but from God and so work with honesty and due diligence, we **pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For infants and children abandoned by their parents out of poverty or bearing a child out of wedlock, that their parents may know their responsibility and cease to desert the innocent and helpless children, we **pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For those people displaced from their villages and homes due to implementation of a large project in their homelands, that they may be duly compensated and reinstated in a place where they can fend for themselves and obtain sustained livelihood, 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, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Saviour help us to be faithful to your word. Give us the strength to overcome evil and be sanctified through repentance for our sins and the reception of the body of our Lord, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.