



Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

New Year's Eve

31st December 2021

Prayers of the faithful

Celebrant : It was Mother Mary's assent that paved the way to our salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is therefore fitting that we, who constantly seek the intercession of Mary throughout the year unfailingly, should approach God through her intercession, as we implore:

Let our response be : Let us pray to God through Mary, our intercessor.

1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix Machado, all Priests and Religious – that they may be filled with generosity and be animated by a passion to preach the gospel to all people, **we pray to the Lord, our response.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – that they may realize the futility of dividing the people on religious grounds and lift all dictates on religious conversions so that the people of this country may not be deprived of religious freedom which is their constitutional right, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
3. For the inmates in prison, particularly the innocent ones falsely implicated to close cases of crime done by the powerful ones, that they may find help from the government through free legal aid and from the generous through the persistent efforts of the prison ministry and experience the freedom due to them, **we pray to the Lord. Our response.**
4. For all of us, that as the year draws to a close, we may be ever grateful for the mercies of God that has been poured on us through our jobs, families and communities and put forward our best efforts to reach out to those were unfortunate in different ways – in sickness, death of family members and unemployment due to the pandemic, **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, who always looks towards our benevolence, and grants us blessing in abundance through Jesus Christ our Lord, answer our petitions and grant them if you will, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.