



Mass for World Mission Sunday 2016

Prayer

God, you who desire to be known by all mankind so that you may welcome them into your kingdom, consider the vastness of the fields yet to be harvested; send numerous laborers who will proclaim the Gospel to every creature, so that from all the nations of the world, a new universal nation may emerge and grow inspired by your word and supported by your sacraments. We ask this through Jesus Christ.

1st reading (Sirach 35:15-17. 20-22)

The Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

One whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds and it will not rest until it reaches its goal; it will not desist until the Most High responds and does justice to the righteous, and executes judgement.

Psalm 34

R. A poor man cries and God hears him and saves him.

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

2nd reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18)

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. God does not judge by appearances as men do: he looks into the heart. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (Luke 18:9-14)

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Homily

Universal prayers

Introduction

Let us pray so that all people on Earth become righteous after acknowledging their need of divine mercy.

R. Lord, let us see your mercy.

Intentions

For Pope Francis, all Christians and people of good will, that they take part in the great manifestation of divine love which is this Jubilee of Mercy, let us pray. **R./**

For all the peoples on Earth, that tolerance, forgiveness and mercy be the means by which conflicts between peoples, religions and cultures, be resolved, let us pray. **R./**

For those who welcome displaced persons because of war and hunger. That the difficulties they encounter do not prevent them from showing mercy and compassion towards these suffering children of God, let us pray. **R./**

For all people of authority, that acknowledge their limits and humbly change their attitude when it is for the greater good of all, let us pray. **R./**

For all of us here present, that we accept God's mercy and do everything possible to model our behaviours so that we may extend this mercy to all we encounter, let us pray. **R./**

Other intentions may now be added that take into account current events.

**Final prayer**

God of mercy, may all your children scattered around the world grow to understand how much you love them and wish to shower them with your mercy so that they become merciful to one another. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the gifts

Lord, look at the face of your Christ and remember that he gave his life for the salvation of all; through him, who glorified you until his death. Make yourself known as a God of love, from one end of the world to the other. May all the nations of the earth praise you in thanksgiving of Jesus, your Son and our Saviour. He, who lives and reigns...

Prayer after Communion

Lord, we receive from you the provisions that we will have in your Kingdom, and we pray for all people who do not know you. May this sacrament of eternal salvation that nourishes the faith of your Church, draw more believers to the truth. We ask this through Jesus...