

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (BIBLE SUNDAY)

CYCLE A

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to reconcile sinners to the Father by his death. With trust in his loving mercy, let us pray to him.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. That the Church and her leaders, especially our Holy Father Pope Francis and our Bishop Paul, may be joyful witnesses of the Gospel of God's forgiving love towards all who truly repent. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That world leaders and public servants may be inspired by God's word to turn from pursuit of personal gain and seek the interests of others, especially the poor and needy. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That the word of God may find a home in our hearts so that, putting aside pride and self-righteousness, we may hear Christ's daily call to grow in holiness and obedience to the Father's will. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That those who have died with trust in the merciful promises of God's word may enter into the kingdom of God, and rejoice with all the saints who have done his will. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Father of mercy, hear the prayers that we offer before you. Grant that we may treasure your word, so that it may bear fruit in repentant hearts and Christ-like lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: *Amen.*