

UNIVERSAL PRAYER: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebrant: Dear brothers and sisters, trusting in God's mercy, we place the prayers of our community before our Heavenly Father seeking his wisdom and generosity to the words, we speak.

Dcn/Lector: For the leadership in our Church, especially Pope Francis and Bishop Brennan. May their ministry be reflective of the compassionate and merciful Lord as they care for those entrusted to their care.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dcn/Lector: For government leaders, locally and nationally. May they work for the common good and benefit of the people they have been entrusted to serve, especially those in the greatest need. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dcn/Lector: For all those suffering from depression and despair. May they know that they are not alone in their pain, and be embraced by the merciful love of God that transforms and heals. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dcn/Lector: For our brothers and sisters who are suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus, be it through illness, financial loss, stress and fear. May the message of Divine Mercy bring much needed hope to wearied hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dcn/Lector: For all the many people whom selflessly, give of themselves to care for those in need. In a special way, we remember hospital personnel, service workers and first responders who daily risk their own health to serve the greater good. May their sacrifices bear witness to God's merciful compassion for His people. let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dcn/Lector: For scientists and medical researchers as they continue to seek a cure for the coronavirus. May the wisdom of God guide them in their quest. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dcn/Lector: For all those who have been affected by the tornados and storms throughout our country. May kindness and generosity surround and sustain them as they begin their task of starting life anew. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Dcn/Lector: For our beloved deceased, and all those who mourn. May the message of Divine Mercy and the Easter Season grant hope and consolation in their grief. Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we entrust you in your infinite mercy to hear the prayers we have spoken as well as the many we hold deep in our hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.