



## **Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai**

### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

### **Prayers of the faithful**

**Celebrant:** Dear brothers and sisters, stubbornness and repentance are opposites. Stubbornness ultimately leads to ridicule and condemnation whereas repentance leads to forgiveness and acceptance. Repentance is an essential requirement to become part of the community that Jesus is beginning to build. Keeping this in mind let us now place our petitions before the Lord, saying,

**Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For our Pope Francis, Archbishop Felix, all Priests and Religious, that God may give them good health and inspiration to lead the people to the salvation promised to them, **we pray to the Lord.**
2. For the leaders of Governments and those in authority – that they may work diligently to unite the people under their governance and bring justice to all, **we pray to the Lord.**
3. As we celebrate Vocation Sunday, for the aspirants that they may be courageous to respond positively to the call of God for opting for the priesthood and the religious life, **we pray to the Lord.**
4. For all the faithful, that they may read the word of God, reflect on it and use it to be the lamp for their footsteps in life, **we pray to the Lord.**
5. That we may prepare fully for the celebration of the jubilee year with unity of mind and heart, setting aside all the differences in opinions between us, **we pray to the Lord.**
6. Let us pray for our personal needs, ..... , **we pray to the Lord.**

**Concluding prayer (Celebrant):** God our Father, we thank you for inviting us to be disciples of Your Son, Jesus. Give us the grace that we may recognize the present time as the opportune time to align our lives in conformity with the life and mission of Jesus. Give us a repentant heart, we make this prayer, through Christ our Lord,

**R:** Amen.