

**Proclaimers please speak in a louder than normal voice! Thank you!!!**

**The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

Sunday, August 14, 2011

1) Isaiah 56:1, 6-7    2) Romans 11:13-15, 29-32    3) Matthew 15:21-28

**The focus for today's Mass is that through Christ,  
God's promise of salvation reaches beyond the Israelites to include all people of faith.**

**In Today's Liturgy of the Word,**

In the passage from Isaiah, the faithful are reminded that God is working to bring about the salvation of all people.

In the second reading, Paul tells the Romans that their faithfulness may be used by God to bring salvation to others.

In the Gospel, Jesus grants the request of a Gentile woman and heals her daughter.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:** Although we have struggles in life,  
we trust that God loves us and cares for us.  
Mindful of this, let us offer our petitions to Him.

**For Pope Benedict as he continues to be a light  
for those who feel lost and forsaken  
by offering a Church filled with Christ's love and the hope of salvation.**  
We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the Catholic youth,  
who will be at World Youth Day in Spain this week  
as they experience a deepening of their faith  
and a strengthening of their commitment to Jesus.**  
We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the sick,  
Especially**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who have died,  
Especially**  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For each of us here,  
as we take strive to be good stewards of our water,  
our food and our energy resources.**  
We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions ..... (long pause)**  
We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**  
**Good and gracious God,  
we trust in your love for us.  
Hear now these prayers and grant them in your mercy.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

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