

Sunday, August 20, 2017

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

**Sunday Liturgy**

The focus for today's Mass is that God offers salvation to all who have faith in him and follow his ways.

The first reading speaks of God's gift of salvation being offered to all people. The second reading reminds us that the gifts and call of God are irrevocable. In the Gospel, Jesus heals the daughter of a Canaanite woman because of the woman's great faith in him.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

**As brothers and sisters in Christ,  
let us offer ourselves to our heavenly Father  
and pray for our needs and those of the world.**

For all members of the Church,  
may we cooperate with the grace and action of the Holy Spirit,  
and use our unique gifts and talents more fully to build up the kingdom.  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For people of every race and culture,  
may they seek to understand those who are different from themselves.  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those who are experiencing physical, mental or spiritual illness.  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our beloved dead,  
may they find rest and eternal life in heaven.  
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those who serve in our parish ministries,  
may they be blessed with the grace and strength  
to continue serving generously,  
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:**

Loving Father,  
hear and answer our prayers according to your will.  
We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.