

## EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH [EMM]

### Liturgy for 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

06 OCTOBER 2019

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

On this First Sunday of the Extraordinary Missionary Month our focus is on “a personal Encounter with Jesus Christ living in His Church.” Today is also Thanksgiving Day in our Archdiocese and we join St Paul in thanking God for His numerous blessings especially the precious gift of faith which we are invited to witness and share in the name of Jesus as missionaries in his name. With grateful hearts we celebrate this Eucharist and receive nourishment to fulfil our responsibilities as evangelisers.

#### **PENITENTIAL RITE**

You were sent by the Father, to bring good news to the poor. - *Lord Have Mercy*

You came to serve us all. - *Christ Have Mercy*

You witnessed to God’s love. - *Lord Have Mercy*

#### **READINGS**

**I Reading:** Habakkuk 1:2-3 & 2:2-4

The prophet cries to the Lord for help and the Lord promises the prophet that He would be on the side of the upright.

**II Reading:** 2 Tim:1:6-8, 13-14

The second reading promises us that the spirit of God fills us with power, love, and self-control.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 17:5-19

The Apostles request the Lord for greater faith and he reminds them of their responsibility to serve as his disciples.

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**CELEBRANT:** Those who encounter Jesus, the Son of God, experience the Joy of the Gospel and are set free from sin, sorrow and loneliness. Let us pray for God's blessings and seek to enjoy His gifts as missionaries.

Our Response is: **HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD!**

1. We pray that Pope Francis and the ministers of the Church, the Religious and the Laity may recognise our call and mission and be living witnesses of the Gospel in our words and deeds... we pray to you O Lord.

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2. We pray that our government may recognise and encourage the good that we do as faith-filled missionaries... we pray to you O Lord.

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3. We pray that each one of us may reflect our gratitude to God by working as missionaries of the Gospel by our words and actions... we pray to you O Lord.

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4. We pray that the Church may be blessed with vocations who consecrate their lives to the proclamation of your kingdom, by loving service to all, especially the poor and the suffering... we pray to you O Lord.

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5. We pray for friends and benefactors who by their generosity and sacrifices help and support the work of the missions and for the missionaries who toil from dawn to dusk without minding the cost, in remote and hostile locations... we pray to you O Lord.

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6. We pray that the Extraordinary Missionary Month will be a grace-filled opportunity for each one of us to recognise God's call to proclaim the good news with our witnessing life, we pray to you O Lord. we pray to you O Lord.

**HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD!**

**CELEBRANT:** Gracious Lord, we thank You for all Your blessings and for listening to the prayers we have made with faith in your generosity and love through Christ Our Lord. Amen.