

EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH [EMM]

Liturgy for 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

13 OCTOBER 2019

INTRODUCTION

The theme for this Sunday in the Extraordinary Missionary Month is: *Testimony: Missionary Saints, Martyrs and Confessors of the Faith*. The activities of the Missionary saints, exhibit their extraordinary trust in the Lord. We are called to be witnessing missionaries in our life so that we may attract others to the power of Christ. Let us pray in this Eucharistic celebration that the Church may have more missionaries to testify to the truth.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Your right hand and holy arm have brought salvation. - *Lord Have Mercy*

You have risen from the dead - *Christ Have Mercy*

You bring healing to the sick - *Lord Have Mercy*

READINGS

I Reading: 2KINGS 5:14-17

Naaman confessed to the faith he had in God as witnessed to him by the prophet Elisha in response to the healing he experienced.

II Reading: 2 Tim: 2: 8-13

The great missionary St. Paul testifies to the faith he has in Jesus as he proclaims the Good News by his words and actions.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 11-19.

Jesus appreciates the missionary zeal of the Samaritan leper who returns to praise God for the healing he has experienced

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: The Lord has made known His salvation to the nations and we are the beneficiaries of His numerous blessings. Let us lift up our prayers to Him who calls us to witness to His love.

Our response is: **LOVING FATHER, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

1. We pray that Pope Francis and the ministers of the Church may always be compassionate and loving in their outreach to the people entrusted to their care... we pray to the Lord...

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2. We pray that our political leaders may always care for the well-being and comfort of the financially challenged, people with special needs, the vulnerable and all those facing hardships of any kind... we pray to the Lord.

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3. We pray that every Christian may powerfully witness and testify to the awesome power of God who loves, forgives, heals and protects... we pray to the Lord...

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4. We pray that anointed by the Holy Spirit we may be filled with missionary zeal and be instruments of healing, love and comfort as witnesses to the Gospel... we pray to the Lord...

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5. We pray that we may always reflect our gratitude to God and one another as we utilise the gifts that God has given us as missionaries after the heart of Jesus... we pray to the Lord...

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CELEBRANT: Heavenly Father, we offer our thanks and praise for listening to the prayers we have made with faith in Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.