

## **EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH [EMM]**

### **Liturgy for 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

27 OCTOBER 2019

#### **Introduction:**

Today is the last Sunday of the Extraordinary Missionary Month. However, the call for mission does not end here, but it is just a beginning. During this month we have sowed the seed of the New Evangelization. We have received lots of inputs, from the media, from the teachings of the Church. We have tried to reflect a lot on the missions. Let us now pray in the Eucharistic celebration that with the help and mandate of our Lord, we might venture forth as Missionaries of Christ.

#### **READINGS:**

**I READING:** Sir. 35: 12-14, 16-19

The poor, the widow and the orphan are also the focus of our missionary outreach as disciples of Jesus.

**II Reading:** 2 Tim:4: 6-8, 16-18

The Apostle St. Pauls gives us hope as we struggle in our responsibilities as missionaries and witnesses of the Good News.

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus reminds us that the hallmark of every missionary and witness of the Gospel is a spirit of humility and complete dependence on God.

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**CELEBRANT:** Like St Paul we seek the crown of righteousness as faithful missionaries, baptised in the name of Jesus and sent forth to proclaim the Good News to all. We place our needs before God with faith.

Our Response is: **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis, the Cardinals, Bishops and priests: that they may set the example of joyful evangelisation through their own ministries and inspire the flock of Christ to be responsible missionaries... let us pray to the Lord... **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

2. For the leaders of our country: that they may seek the common good by sharing the resources they have for the upliftment of the poor and marginalised... let us pray to the Lord... **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

3. For all of us who are baptised in the name of Jesus: that we may draw people closer to him by our lifestyle... let us pray to the Lord... **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

4. For our children and youth: that they be inspired to make the Church vibrant as the salt of the earth and light to the world... let us pray to the Lord... **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

5. For missionaries all over the world: that they may be blessed and strengthened in their resolve to spread the Good News and that missionaries who have died will experience the fruit of their labours in the comfort of heaven... let us pray to the Lord... **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

6. For the prayers we now make in the silence of our hearts, especially for our Seminarians and Religious, and those in formation preparing to venture into mission... let us pray to the Lord. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER**

**CELEBRANT:** Lord, we thank You for calling us to be missionaries after the heart of Your Son Jesus and for listening to the prayers we have made with faith through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.