



Holy Mass for the World Day of the Poor

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Growing Solidarity: From Prayer to Action

Caritas Internationalis

Celebrant: Fr Josh Laws, Archdiocese of Baltimore, United States of America

OPENING HYMN// ME DA DOKA KA SEREVAKA

This Hymn was recorded by Caritas Fiji, and is about the foundation of our faith and Saint Peter. It means 'Let us come sing praise and adore the representation of Jesus, The Lord, and the foundational cornerstone of the Church.'

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are the light that shines in the darkness.

Kyrie, eleison.

Christ Jesus, you are the good shepherd that makes yourself poor to be with your sheep.

Christe, eleison.

Lord Jesus, you are the gate that opens to eternal life.

Kyrie, eleison.

ABSOLUTION

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will
We praise you,
we bless you
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

O God, you who have taught your Church
to keep all the heavenly commandments
by loving you and loving our neighbour,
Grant us the spirit of Peace and Grace
So that your entire family may be devoted to you wholeheartedly
And united in purity of intent.
Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING// Malachi 3:19-20a

For look, the Day is coming, glowing like a furnace. All the proud and all the evil-doers will be the stubble, and the Day, when it comes, will set them ablaze, says Yahweh Sabaoth, leaving them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the Sun of justice will rise with healing in his rays.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM// Psalm 98:5-9

R: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

*Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn*

sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

R: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

*Let the sea and what fills it resound,
the world and those who dwell in it;
let the rivers clap their hands,
the mountains shout with them for joy.*

R: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

*Before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to rule the earth,
he will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with equity.*

R: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

SECOND READING// 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how you should take us as your model: we were not undisciplined when we were with you, nor did we ever accept food from anyone without paying for it; no, we worked with unsparing energy, night and day, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to imitate.

We urged you when we were with you not to let anyone eat if he refused to work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living lives without any discipline, doing no work themselves but interfering with other people's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we urge and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.*

Alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL// Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, he said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another; everything will be destroyed. And they put to him this question, 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that it is about to take place?'

But he said, 'Take care not to be deceived, because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am the one' and 'The time is near at hand.' Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and

revolutions, do not be terrified, for this is something that must happen first, but the end will not come at once.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines in various places; there will be terrifying events and great signs from heaven.

But before all this happens, you will be seized and persecuted; you will be handed over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and brought before kings and governors for the sake of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Make up your minds not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated universally on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your perseverance will win you your lives.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY// Msgr Pierre Cibambo, Ecclesiastical Assistant Caritas Internationalis

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today we celebrate the WDP and this will be followed by the WYD on Sunday November 20th. Like last year, we are delighted that Caritas Youth across the seven regions of Caritas Internationalis are using these two events as moments of renewed engagement in faith, prayer and action, to become true witnesses of Christ, to learn from Him, to follow Him, He who “For our sake became poor” (2Cor8:9), as Pope Francis reminds us in his message for the 6th WDP.

Since the institution of the WDP, year after year, message after message, it’s as if all was designed for Caritas, whose reason of existence is to care for the poor – to reach out to them, to identify with them, to learn from them, to feel their pain, to be in solidarity with them and to act so that they may have life in its fullness. What a wonderful mission that we share, but what a challenging one at the same time. For we know how limited we are, how indifferent we can be, how we can be prisoners of the ambient culture that praises self-realization, accumulation, and the realization of our own comfort. In fact, in front of a world of indifference where the culture of waste dominates, in front of conflicts driven by interests of the few to the detriment of the many, we can turn easily away and say, well, we are not responsible for this mess. Let those who created it clean it up!

But, we are men and women of faith. We have decided to follow Jesus and we won’t turn back. We know that we can count on Him, and that with the power of His Spirit we can change the course of the events. Yes, we know that things can change as we learn in *Laudato Si*, and that we can contribute to building a society that cares for all that God has created – a society where fraternity, dialogue for peace, care for the most needy, the elderly, the migrants and the refugees prevails. In fact, we the youth we have no choice. And the society and the Church we want, a society and a Church that are attractive and credible, can be possible only with our determination, our sense of sacrifice and our effort.

In this, we know that we are not alone. Jesus precedes us on the road. He shares the journey with us. And Mary His Mother and our Mother intercedes for us. She who shared Jesus’ life in all its

dimensions. She who was there when he was offering his life on the cross for the salvation of all. She, who is a model of a servant: I am the servant of God she says, may all be done according to His will. She who, in the message given by the Holy Father for this year's World Youth Day, arose and went with haste (Lk1:39) to help her cousin Elizabeth. She who always pays attention to the needs of her children as we see it along the history of the Church... May Mary intercede for us and help us to say YES to the Lord all the days of our life. May Caritas Youth by their commitment, their passion, their enthusiasm help Caritas organizations and all the Church around the world to "Carry on Caritas"! But what does that mean?

Listen to a short story which was told by Caritas volunteers who served during the Nigerian Biafra civil war. A missionary caught up in the civil war in Biafra, Nigeria, was finding it difficult to get through all the roadblocks, which were suddenly mounted in a security bid, to check all travelers coming in and out of Biafra. The name Caritas was acknowledged by all to be good, as Caritas was doing a lot to counteract starvation by supplying food and medicines. Having been stopped at 20 checkpoints, the missionary was weary answering the 6 standards questions of every security guard at all road blocks. So he decided to change his answers at check point number 21. Question of the guard: Who are you? Response of the missionary -Father Caritas. Who is with you? -Sister Caritas. Where are you coming from? -From Caritas. Where are going to? -To Caritas. What are you doing? -Bringing Caritas. LIFTING THE BARRIER THE GUARD SHOUTED: CARRY ON CARITAS! (Told by Fr. Penoukou, former Caritas Regional Coordinator for Africa in his book-*La Pastorale Sociale, Ed St paul Afrique*).

Brothers and sisters, I invite you all, on behalf of the Caritas family, to join us throughout this entire week – starting together on this World Day of the Poor and ending on World Youth Day next Sunday – as we reflect, pray and act together to serve, accompany and defend the poor; and to 'Carry on Caritas' through all of life's checkpoints, to every corner of the world.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
ON the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Caritas Malawi

Lord God, We pray that you should bless and strengthen the poor so that they should witness your love and be able to worship and glorify your Name at all times, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Caritas Nepal

Dear Lord, your world often talks about people in need finding safety. We pray today for homeless people, children and families in need, with no place to call home. May they be guided to places of peace and security.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Caritas Kolomyia (Ukraine)

Dear God! You are the help for helpless and the hope for hopeless, have a look at Ukraine and give us peace, stop the war in Ukraine and give Your support to everybody, who is suffering from the Russian aggression.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Caritas Venezuela

For the concrete faces that are generated by the senselessness of war, may we as young people of Caritas know how to respond adequately and bring relief to those in need, and may the Lord create in us a commitment to peace.

Lord, in your Mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Caritas Syria

Please God, let us steadily serve the neediest with compassion, seeing in them the image of your unique Son, carefully listening to them, so that we sanctify ourselves by these means.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Development & Peace – Caritas Canada

We pray for the poor in the world, and all of us who are called to serve them by listening, learning, and taking action towards justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Caritas Australia

We pray for all people, all creatures and all parts of God's creation who are suffering due to the weather events and devastation caused by climate change. May our leaders be selfless and courageous in legislating for a sustainable future and may each of us become advocates for ecological justice.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN// My Own Two Hands

Written by Ben Harper

I can change the world **with my own two hands**
Make it a better place **with my own two hands**
Make it a kinder place **with my own two hands**
With my own, with my own two hands

I can make peace on earth **with my own two hands**
I can clean up the earth **with my own two hands**
I can reach out to you **with my own two hands**
With my own, with my own two hands

I'm gonna make it a brighter place **with my own two hands**
I'm gonna make it a safer place **with my own two hands**
I'm gonna help the human race **with my own two hands**
With my own, with my own two hands
With my own, with my own two hands
With my own, with my own two hands