

Arise and Go With Haste!

Caritas Internationalis



World Day of the Poor / World Youth Day - Week of Prayer and Action 2023

World Day of the Poor Mass Guide

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Opening Hymn: Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

Sing a new song unto the Lord
Let your song be sung, from mountains high
Sing a new song unto the Lord
Singing alleluia

Yahweh's people dance for joy
O come before the Lord
And play for him on glad tambourines
And let your trumpet sound

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

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
The constant gladness of being devoted to you,
For it is full and lasting happiness
To serve with constancy
The author of all that is good.
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.

First Reading: Proverbs 31: 10–13, 19–20, 30–31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm 128: 1–5

R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are those who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
In the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive,
Around your table.

R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
The man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
All the days of your life!

R: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1–6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers and sisters, about “times and seasons”, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, “How quiet and peaceful it is,” that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14–30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. ‘Sir,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.’

Next the man with the two talents came forward. ‘Sir,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.’

Last came forward the man who had the one talent. ‘Sir,’ said he, ‘I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has, he will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.’”

Homily

Archbishop Isao Kikuchi, President of Caritas Internationalis

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

Many youths in Africa are victims of injustice, oppression, selective justice, inconsideration and poverty. We pray that the Lord grant them increased faith and fortitude to persevere and never despair in their daily life endeavours.

(Caritas Africa)

Almighty God, there are many people around us who are in need, they are not poor only for basic needs but also needy for love and compassion. Today, let us pray for ourselves so that we can stay beside them and can show our love and compassion as we are their neighbors.

(Caritas Asia)

Dear God, Today more than ever, we witness how much war brings destruction and poverty, even in those countries that are not directly involved. Help us realise how our small economic choices and investments fuel the war and weapon industry and make both us and our neighbours, close and afar, ever poorer. Amen.

(Caritas Europa)

We lift up our prayers for our migrant brothers and sisters, courageous souls who have left behind homes and, in many cases, families, due to the various challenges they face in their homelands. We implore Our Lord, under the protection of Most Holy Mary, REFUGE OF MIGRANTS, to grant them His loving guidance, leading them to safe harbors where they may find shelter and solace. May the hand of Our Mother, Mary of Guadalupe, keep the flame of hope forever alive in the hearts of these pilgrims. Grant them, O God, the strength to overcome the challenges that come their way, and the wisdom to discern the path You have prepared for them. Infuse in them an unshakeable confidence in Your divine will.

(Caritas Latin America and the Caribbean)

O Lord Jesus, you who came for the needy and the poor, those forgotten and neglected... Help us be your ears to hear their cries. And to be your voice that speaks about love, acceptance and giving. Help us to be your feet that walk beside those in need, and to be your hands to feed and shelter them. You come for the weak and needy, the lost and the last in this world, through the intercession of our Mother, the Virgin Mary, and Mother of the Poor.

(Caritas MONA)

Let us pray for the millions of vulnerable people who have been displaced from their homes due to war, violence, lack of jobs, and climate change. That governments will treat them with dignity and fairness.

(Caritas North America)

Lord Jesus Christ, you told us to love one another as you have loved us. Hear our prayers offered in faith for those in need. For Pope Francis, grant him wisdom, courage, and strength to lead your Church. May he be a witness to your love and guide us on the path of discipleship. For world leaders, give them hearts for justice and minds for peace. May they seek nonviolent solutions to conflict and make decisions that protect human dignity. For our common home, help us care for creation and be good stewards of the earth's resources. Inspire us to live sustainably and address the causes of climate change. Amen

(Caritas Oceania)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn: Jesus Christ, You Are My Life

Jesus Christ, you are my life
Alleluia, alleluia
Jesus Christ, you are my life
You are my life, alleluia

En el gozo caminaremos
Trayendo tu evangelio
Testimonios de caridad
Hijos de Dios en el mundo