

**Service at Home When Gathering for Mass is Not Possible.
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

PREPARATION:

- Comfortable seating, place in a semicircle if possible.
- A table with a candle, crucifix or image of Jesus,
- Identify family members who will proclaim the Scripture and perhaps give a brief reflection.
- Select 2 or 3 hymns that everyone knows

LEADER: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

“In truth I tell you once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them.” (*Mt: 18:19-20*)

The Candle is now lit

LEADER: The Lord has planted his Word in the fertile soil of our hearts, but many times we have not tended his Word, let us ask him to forgive us for those times we have not lived according to his Word. (PAUSE)

LEADER: Lord Jesus living Word of God, touch our minds and hearts that we may live as you ask us: Lord have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

LEADER: Christ Jesus, powerful Word of God, give us depth and faithfulness, that your message may not wither in us: Christ have mercy.

ALL: Christ have mercy.

LEADER: Lord Jesus, humble Word of God, make us receptive to you and to your message of life: Lord have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy

LEADER: God, in your goodness speak to us your mighty word of forgiveness. Lead us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Let us Pray: Lord our God, your Son Jesus opened the ears of the deaf and gave sight to the blind. Make us listen to his message of Good News, attune us to his voice and his silence, open especially our heart to all the light and love and hope that appeal to us in what he says. Give us also the courage to speak and to live as we believe, that his word may succeed in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

ALL: Amen.

READINGS –

1st Reading is taken from Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm 65:10-14

2nd Reading is taken from Romans 8:18-23

GOSPEL is taken from Matthew 13:1-9

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

A Short Reflection can be given or a period of silent reflection

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

LEADER: Let us pray to the Lord who sows and harvests that all people may eagerly welcome his Word and respond to it.

Family members are invited to make their petitions.

LORD'S PRAYER:

LEADER: With Jesus, we pray to our Father words of hope and trust.

ALL: Our Father.....

LEADER: Jesus the Lord feeds us with his Word and his Body .Though we cannot receive him today let us invite him into our hearts as we pray the Act of Spiritual Communion

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

ALL: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

LEADER: Let us pray: Creator God, we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that has been revealed to us. Open our hearts to your good news; fill us with your word so that it will accomplish your will within us, and bear fruit that will yield a hundredfold. All this we ask in the name of Jesus the Lord.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING:

LEADER: May the Word of God find a welcome in our hearts.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: May Jesus the Word made flesh help us to live according to his Word.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: May the Spirit inspire us to live the blessed hope and glorious freedom of the reign of God.

ALL: Amen

LEADER: And may Almighty God bless us: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen