



**Sunday Prayer at Home  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 2, 2020**

Gathering Rite

(Stand) - All make the Sign of the Cross:

**Leader:** + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen

**Leader:** Trusting in the mercy of God, let us call to mind our sins.

**All:** I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking your breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brother brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.

**Leader:** Let us pray: Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Liturgy of the Word

*Note: Due to copyright, we are not able to publish the text for the readings, the responsorial psalm and the Gospel any longer. You may access them at the URL below.*

(Be Seated)

**Leader:** A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah (*Is 55:1-3*)

*The First Reading is available at: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/080220.cfm>*

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18*)

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**Leader:** A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (*Rom 8:35, 37-39*)

*The Second Reading is available at: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/080220.cfm>*

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Leader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (*MT 14: 13-21*)

The Gospel is available at: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/080220.cfm>

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Be seated)

Questions for discussion or reflection:

- When have I felt visceral emotion when seeing a family member, friend or stranger in need? Do I turn to God in my need?

(Stand)

**Leader:** We join the Church in professing our common faith:

**All:** I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

### **Prayer of the Faithful**

**Leader:** “Come to me heedfully, says the Lord, that you might have life.” And so we come, knowing that the Lord’s love will satisfy the needs of our longing world.

**Leader:** For all members of the Church, the people of God; may we respond lovingly to the Lord’s invitation to feed the hungry of this world. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer. (Repeat after each petition.)

**Leader:** For all who are impacted by COVID-19; may strength be given to healthcare and essential workers, wisdom to those researching treatments and cures and patience to all who face daily challenges because of the disease. We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For all who are engaged in evangelization and outreach; may they cast a wide net through offering hospitality and dynamic witness of the Good News to all they encounter. We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For those who have no money; may they be fed, clothed, and sheltered without distress or lack of dignity. We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who are called to help Christ feed the multitude; may they not be held back by what they see as their limitations but rather rely on Jesus who will feed those to whom they are sent. We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** For our parish community; may we be a welcoming community, always inviting those with sincere hearts to join us at our feast. We pray to the Lord.

**Leader:** Lord God, everlasting is your care for us. We present our prayers to you confident that you will quench our thirst and satisfy our hunger. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven...

### **Spiritual Communion**

*Those who are unable to share in the Eucharist may make an act of spiritual communion, expressing their desire for the sacrament.*

*As Pope St. John Paul II reminded us, using the words of St. Teresa of Jesus: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you." The following prayer, by St. Alphonsus Liguori, may be used to make an act of spiritual communion:*

**All:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you with all my heart. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already in my heart and unite myself to you completely. Please do not let me ever be separated from you.

### **Concluding Rite**

**Leader:** Let us pray: O God, protector of all who hope in you, bless your people, keep them safe, defend them, prepare them, that, free from sin and safe from the enemy, they may persevere always in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the leader prays:*

**Leader:** + May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.