

COMMENTATOR Text

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Feb. 6th and 7th)

Good morning (good evening).....

Our celebration today is filled with people who hear and respond to God's call. Even our liturgy is filled with the pattern of call and response. Our coming to Mass is a response to God's call; the Creed is our proclamation of faith in response to God's word; the Liturgy of the Eucharist is our prayer of praise and thanksgiving in response to the Liturgy of the Word. Let us pray today that our lives will be our response to the call we hear from God during this celebration.

[Pause]

Please stand, and be prepared to receive our Lord in Word and Sacrament...

[Pause twice as long....] then move to place *Parish Petition Book* underneath the ambo, and the cantor/music ministers assume responsibility for beginning the "gathering song."

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS
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Priest: Let us confidently place before God our needs and the need of all the world, knowing that the One who makes possible great catches of fish and peoples' hearts will be attentive to our prayers saying:

Give us, O Lord, a willing heart.

† Dear Father, we pray for your holy people in your Church; may we eagerly spread the good news of salvation to a waiting world... Let us pray...

Give us, O Lord, a willing heart.

† All power and authority comes from your hand, almighty Father; we want to pray for the leaders of the world; may they learn to work together in making sure that all people have a share in the bounty of the Earth... Let us pray...

Give us, O Lord, a willing heart.

† Your call, Father, is for everybody, in all situations. We want to pray for all those elders facing the new stage of retirement, that your call give them in this new phase of their journey a new vision of faith and life... Let us pray...

Give us, O Lord, a willing heart.

† You see in our lives the joyful ability to bear abundant fruit, good Father; we want to pray for all those brothers and sisters lost and wandering, we want to be your voice so they can hear your call to follow your Son and find what their hearts are looking for... Let us pray...

Give us, O Lord, a willing heart.

† But today, Father, we want to pray for all those men and women wandering about their vocation to your special call of service to your people in the leadership of your Church... Let us pray...

Give us, O Lord, a willing heart.

† And we want to place in your lovely hands, dear Father, all the intentions of our community in our petition book; those who are ill and cannot be with us in our celebration specially, **Fr. Bony's dad – Antony Arackal, and Rachel Contreras**. And those that departed this week to be in your presence: **Corky Mello, Patricia Wilke, Mary Arjil, Elizabeth Almonte, Petra Sanchez, and Toribio Tinajero**. May their presence at your side keep us sharing our faith in your Eternal Life... Let us pray...

Give us, O Lord, a willing heart.

Priest: Holy Father, you invited the disciples of your Son, to be prophets and collaborate in your Son's work of Salvation. Hear our prayer and grant us the grace always to do your will, through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**