

Eleventh Sunday | Year A

June 18th, 2023 (Ex 19:2-6a | Romans 5:6-11 | Matthew 9:36-10:8)

The Lord instructs Moses to tell the children of Jacob that they are God's special people as long as they hearken to his voice and keep his covenant. Let us ask God to keep his promise.

1/ Let us sing joyfully to the Lord, because we are his people and the sheep of his flock. For all nations and peoples who fear God. We pray that, led by Pope Francis, pastors, deacons, ministers, and rabbis, the faithful always sing the enduring kindness of God. Let us pray.

2/ Paul tells the Romans that God proves his love for those who fear him through the death of his Son Jesus. For those who have not yet come to believe in God and his work of salvation. We pray that they may experience the living God through every ordinary thing. Let us pray.

3/ By telling his disciples that the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, Jesus implies that there are still many wandering souls and helpless bodies that are in need of salvation. But the disciples ought to ask God to send the workers to harvest the field. For those who live in despair and are hopeless. We pray that our faith in God may touch their hearts. Let us pray.

4/ Jesus instructs the disciples to proclaim that the kingdom of God is near and at hand. The faithful are to live in the spirit of healing and forgiveness. For our sisters and brothers who labored in life with faith in God and Jesus, but have now departed from us. We pray that God pardon their sins and grant them life in heaven. Today we remember **[at 4:30 PM]** Ruth, Rudolph, Gary and Donnie Fackler, Melvin Lawson, Mary Ruth Mills, Rose LaTondress, and Ruby Wright Strohm; **[at 10:00 AM]** Nick Ford, Woody and Dorothy Hesler, Mary Ruth Mills, Rose LaTondress, and Ruby Wright Strohm. Let us pray.

God and Father, we rejoice in the faith that draws us together, aware that selfishness can drive us apart. Let your love for us be our enduring hope, and let our hope in you be our constant strength. We pray all this in the name of Jesus our Lord.