

Saitama Diocesan Prayer

All Loving Father,

Like the grain of wheat that falls to the ground, the seed of the Gospel was sown together with the blood of the Christian martyrs, by the walking missionaries who opened up Saitama Diocese. ①

We thank you from our hearts because due to the spiritual and material support that we have received from many people up until now, eighty three years have passed since the establishment of the diocese.

We who have been called to be bearers of the Gospel among modern day people, who in the midst of plenty feel a hunger in their hearts, once again resolve to first renew ourselves, so as to discard the “old person” and live through the strength of the Gospels as “disciples of Christ”. ②

Father, please make us people who tear down the walls of division, and make us a sign of contradiction toward injustice. ③

Please help us, who partake of the One Bread, to become poor so as to enrich many people and to own nothing so as to possess many things. ④

And, so that we may be part of the heavenly kingdom, please always give us the grace of being people who are poor in spirit.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen. ⑤

Notes: ① John 12:24, ② Ephesians 4:23, ③ Ephesians 2:14, Luke 2:35

④ I Corinthians 10:17, II Corinthians 6:1, ⑤ Matthew 5:3