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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

to plant it you drove out the nations.

It stretched out its branches to the sea,

to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Pray for the Jewish people, the vine God brought out of slavery, to be faithful to their love for God

Pray that the countries of the Middle East may find the way to live in peace and respect

Then why have you broken down its walls?

It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,

devoured by the beasts of the field.

Pray for an end to division within the Church which harms our witness in the world

Pray for those who attack Christianity that we may be able to show them the goodness of God

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,

look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,

the vine your right hand has planted.

Pray for the Christian communities that suffer persecution and oppression

Pray that our parishes and dioceses may flourish and share Christ's life with the world

And we shall never forsake you again;

give us life that we may call upon your name.

God of hosts, bring us back;

let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Ask pardon for the times we have not lived out the faith to the full

Ask for the Spirit to help us witness positively to Christ wherever we are today