**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Having been invited to come to Jesus, our bread of life, we confidently bring our needs before the Lord.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and the bishops of our Church. May they always be mindful of the responsibility handed down to them of guiding those entrusted to their care. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for our Diocese on pilgrimage to Knock this weekend. Through the intercession of Our Lady, the teaching of St. John, and the humility of St. Joseph, may we offer fitting worship to Jesus, the Lamb of God. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For all whose ministry has become tired and weary: inspired by God’s Word and the Eucharist, may their hearts be inspired and refreshed for service. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For those waiting for examination results: may the Holy Spirit enlighten and guide them as they make decisions that will direct their futures. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For those who find life itself a burden and feel like giving up. Give them the strength and ongoing support they need to guide them into a life of light and hope. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus the bread of life. ‘*Strengthened by that food’, may* the body of Christ ‘taste and see the goodness of the Lord’. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those who have died; having been nourished by the Bread of Life, they may have eternal life. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, may we hear you in the silence, perceive you in your gentleness, and never lose faith in you. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**