**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Encouraged by the words of Scripture, we strive to live in ways pleasing to God. Thankful for the good things of this world, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For the Church: that She may welcome all who hunger for meaning and purpose so they can be nourished by Your Word and the Bread of Life. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For those who ‘*complain’*: may the goodness of others, the abundant blessings of God, and the kindness of humanity deepen their appreciation of the good things of this world. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For all believers: deepen in them a renewed love for Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist. May they always hunger for Jesus, the ‘*bread of life*’. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For countries experiencing famine, that the Lord will bring rain to irrigate their lands, nurture their crops, and provide food to sustain those who are hungry. **Lord, hear us.**
5. As we celebrate the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney, we pray for our priests. Sustain them in their ministry through prayer, the celebration of the sacraments, and a life of service to God’s people. **Lord, hear us.**
6. That all who are ill, especially those who feel alone, may find in Jesus the Bread of Life, the path to hope and healing. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For our Diocese as we continue our synodal journey: that we will be sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and grow deeper in communion with Christ and one another. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For all who have died; may they see their Redeemer, face-to-face. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Merciful God, creator of heaven and earth, bring your peace, your life, and your love to the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Living Bread from heaven. **Amen.**