**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** ‘*Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for’*. With confidence in God, our loving father, we turn to him in prayer.

1. For the Church: in this Jubilee Year, may all Christians witness to the ‘*hope of a world made new in Jesus Christ*’. **Lor, hear us.**
2. We pray for our Diocese as pilgrims make their annual pilgrimage to Knock this weekend. May this jubilee pilgrimage renew their faith, help them to see with the eyes of Christ, and to walk in newness of life. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for our faith community. Nourished by the Eucharist, may we reach out with compassion to others, especially to those in need. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for journalists and aid workers who have been the world’s eyes and ears on the ground in Gaza. As they now face the same dire circumstances as those they are covering, we pray for an end to blockades that are preventing the advancement of food to those who are hungry. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for the wellbeing of all our parishioners, especially for those who are facing different challenges, that they may find solace in God, and answer to their spiritual and temporal needs. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For the natural world: fill us with awe and contemplation that we may recognise the sacredness of every created thing in heaven and earth. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For Christian families: that they may be strengthened in love and unity, and that parents may be guided by the Holy Spirit in raising their children in the ways of faith and virtue. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For families who are separated from one another: that they may experience the comfort of a loving and supportive community. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those who are sick: lay your healing hand upon them. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with your peace. **Lord, hear us.**
10. We pray for a moment in silence and present our personal needs to our loving God. **Lord, hear us.**
11. For those who have died: may they share in the confident hope ‘*that God has the power to raise the dead*’. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:**

Heavenly Father, ‘*we place all our hope in you’* for you are the source of all that is good. Help us to live according to Your divine will. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen**.