

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Prayers of the Faithful

Response: Let the favour of the Lord be upon us. (Ps. 89:17)

Celebrant:

Raised with Christ,
let us seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the Right Hand of the Father:

1. For the Church: as followers of Christ, help us become rich through words of Faith, attitudes of Hope and deeds of Love. **R. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us.**
2. For all who bear the burden of poverty or financial struggles, particularly the unemployed: that God will sustain them, help them use resources wisely and create new opportunities for employment. **Let the favour of the Lord be upon us.**
3. For freedom of heart: that we may never allow illusions of wealth, fame, power or control to dominate our lives. **Let the favour of the Lord be upon us.**
4. As we celebrate the Feast of St. John Vianney, we pray for the priest(s) of our parish (Fr. -----); may they(he) be faithful in prayer, dutiful in their(his) celebration of the Sacraments, compassionate to the needy, and conscientious in their(his) service of God's people. **Let the favour of the Lord be upon us.**
5. *'Give success to the work of our hands.'* We ask the Lord's blessing on all we undertake. May it bring contentment to our lives, give glory to God, and transform the lives of others. **Let the favour of the Lord be upon us.**

As hot weather intensifies across Ireland, Europe and the world, we pray for calm winds and refreshing rain. Quench thirsty lands, bring relief to those in discomfort, protect homes and those who safeguard our lives. **Let the favour of the Lord be upon us.**

For the grace to recognise and reform behaviour that is not life-giving. Through prayer, self-discipline, and positive reinforcement, strengthen with an abundance of grace those seeking '*a new self*'. **Let the favour of the Lord be upon us.**

For a bountiful harvest and an even distribution of the world's food resources. **Let the favour of the Lord be upon us.**

For all who are sick or lonely, elderly or infirm, may they find comfort and strength in Christ. **Let the favour of the Lord be upon us.**

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father,

We seek refuge in you;

may we never tire of serving you in our neighbour,

that in everything we do it may give glory to you.

We ask these prayers through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**