

**Service at Home for those unable to attend Mass.  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**PREPARATION:**

- Comfortable seating, place in a semicircle if possible.
- A table with a candle, crucifix or image of Jesus,
- Identify family members who will proclaim the Scripture and perhaps give a brief reflection.
- Select 2 or 3 hymns that everyone knows

**LEADER:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen

**LEADER:** "In truth I tell you once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them." (*Mt: 18:19-20*)

*The Candle is now lit*

**LEADER:** When we sink into sin, we cry out: Lord, save me, for I am perishing. Let us ask the Lord to extend his saving hand. (PAUSE)

**LEADER:** Lord Jesus you ask us: People of little faith, why do you doubt? Lord, have mercy.

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

**LEADER:** Christ Jesus, when we are full of fear, you tell us: courage! Do not be afraid: Christ, have mercy.

**ALL:** Christ, have mercy.

**LEADER:** Lord Jesus, we ask you to invite us to cross the water and to follow you all the way: Lord, have mercy.

**ALL:** Lord, have mercy.

**LEADER:** Have mercy on us, Lord, calm the storms caused in us by sin; give us your peace and lead us to the joys of everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.

**LEADER:** Let us Pray: Strong and faithful God, your outstretched arm governs the mighty forces of creation, and your gentle hand cradles even the smallest of creatures. Reach out your hand to us of "little faith" that we may take heart and not be afraid, knowing that you are *God-with-us* in Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

**All:** Amen

**READINGS –**

1st Reading is taken from 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Responsorial Psalm 85:9-14

2nd Reading is taken from Romans 9:1-5

GOSPEL is taken from Matthew 14:22-33

**A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the

boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

### **The Gospel of the Lord**

*A Short Reflection can be given or a period of silent reflection*

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**LEADER:** Let us pray with great faith to our God who is ever-present to people. He reaches out his hand to all who call on him

*Family members are invited to make their petitions.*

### **LORD'S PRAYER:**

Jesus told his disciples to have courage and not to be afraid. So with confidence let us pray to the Father with the words of Jesus:

**ALL:** *Our Father.....*

**LEADER:** Jesus strengthens our faith in the Eucharist. Though we cannot receive him today let us invite him into our hearts as we pray the Act of Spiritual Communion

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNIO:**

**ALL:** My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

**LEADER:** Let us pray: Lord God, Father of all, you invite us through Jesus, your Son, to leave our timid security and to come across the water with him to commit ourselves to you and to others. Even though we do not see his hand reaching out to us and holding us, give us enough trusting faith to be certain that with him we shall overcome. Build up your future among us, until Jesus leads us across to you, our God forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

### **BLESSING**

**LEADER:** May God the almighty Father, give us joy.

**All:** Amen.

**LEADER:** May the only Son of God have mercy on us and help us in good times and in bad.

**All:** Amen.

**LEADER:** May the Holy Spirit always fill our hearts with love.

**All:** Amen.

**LEADER:** And may almighty God bless us: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.