



13 AUGUST 2023
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



INTRODUCTION:

In these times of terrible storm, terrible difficulty, fear, this is the time that you walk with Jesus, who walks across water to bring you back into the boat and safely home. Today, as we celebrate Prison Ministry Sunday in the Archdiocese, we recall the sacrificial life of St. Maximillian Kolbe, the patron saint of Prison Ministry. Let us raise up to the Lord our incarcerated brothers and sisters, so that they may be blessed by Jesus' unconditional and forgiving love.

READINGS:

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| First Reading: | 1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a |
| Responsorial Psalm: | Ps 85: 9ab and, 10, 11-12, 13-14 |
| Second Reading: | Romans 9: 1- 5 |
| Gospel: | Mt 14: 22- 33 |

CELEBRANT:

Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus shows great compassion towards sinners and the poor. Let us, therefore, pray that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit to show our compassion to the incarcerated and the marginalized, saying:

Response: Lord, graciously hear our prayer.

For the universal Church. We pray for Pope Francis, the Bishops, the Clergy, and all Consecrated people to be instruments of your love and peace. May they extend support to all on the journey to release and rehabilitate our confined brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord. **R/**

For government machineries, prison authorities and staff. We ask for your saving grace that those in positions of power respond in an affirmative way and work towards protection of the prisoners' rights, we pray to the Lord. **R/**

For the discouraged. May the Lord give new hope and strength to those who are suffering from disappointments, and the effects of failure, we pray to the Lord. **R/**

For young people around the world, especially in places of violence, oppression and poverty, that the World Youth Day would help, sustain their hopes of a better future, we pray to the Lord. **R/**

Let us pray for our personal needs, the needs of our parish community, and needs of Prison Ministry Mumbai (*Pause*) we pray to the Lord. **R/**

CELEBRANT:

Holy God, your Son told us to follow his example and wash each other's feet. Give us the grace to be faithful servants in your household. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.