

## Nineteenth Sunday | Year A

August 11, 2023 (1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a | Romans 9:1-5 | Matthew 14:22-33)

On the holy mountain Horeb, God revealed himself to Elijah, neither in the wind, nor the fire, nor the earthquake, but through a tiny whispering sound. Let us ask God to hear our voices.

1/ God reveals himself when kindness and truth meet, when justice and peace kiss, when truth springs out of the earth, and when justice looks down from heaven. For every nation on earth. We pray that, led by Pope Francis and pastors, Christians and God-fearers may learn to practice justice and peace, so that other people can see God's salvation. Let us pray.

2/ Paul defends God's elective love for Jewish people before the Roman Christians. For Paul, God's way has not changed. Rather, it is now through Jesus Christ that Gentiles such as the Roman Christians can be saved. For those who have not come to God. We pray that Paul's message and the good works of Christians may inspire them to come to God. Let us pray.

3/ As Jesus walked toward his disciples on water, they saw him but thought that he was a ghost. They did not recognize who Jesus was. For those who have not believed in Jesus. We pray that God, who sent his Son into the world, may inspire non-Christians to recognize what he has done for humanity through Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

4/ As Jesus granted Peter the ability to walk on water, Peter began to walk but doubted. So he began to sink. For our brothers and sisters who, at times in their lives, showed little faith in the power of God, but have now departed from us. We pray that God grant them salvation just as Jesus rescued Peter. Today we remember **[at 4:30 PM]** Sonny and Betty Hardesty, Jennifer Hager, Victoria Gagel, and Clyde Wyatt; **[at 10:00 AM]** Bonnie Argabright Szwed, Carol Ammons, Victoria Gagel, and Clyde Wyatt. Let us pray.

God our Father, we come to you reborn in the Spirit, to celebrate our adoption by you. Touch our hearts, and help them grow toward the life you have promised. Touch our lives, and make them signs of your love for all humanity. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.