## General Intentions March 17, 2019

For the Church: that we may listen with both our minds and hearts to God's beloved Son and be transformed by his words.... Let us pray to the Lord.

For a deeper understanding of our baptism: that we may grow in our covenant relationship with God and our understanding of our identity as daughters and sons of God .... Let us pray to the Lord.

For a deepening of hope: that in the midst of negative and doubting messages from our society, we may grow in trusting that God will never abandon us .... Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are on a journey, whether physical or spiritual: that they may know God's presence each step along the way and rely upon God's light and truth to guide their steps .... Let us pray to the Lord.

For peace: that the Spirit of God will lead all the human family away from war and speed the quick return of all military to their loved ones .... Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are ill, especially those with cancer: that God will touch their bodies and spirits with tenderness and healing love .... Let us pray to the Lord.

For those who have died: particularly our friends and relatives, including Michael Ayoub, Gerald Miller and Jody Holbert.... Let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church: that we may listen with both our minds and hearts to God's beloved Son and be transformed by his words

For a spirit of gratitude: that we may look beyond our daily routines and like Abraham see God's blessings that are as numerous as the stars of the sky

For courage: that we may join Jesus in journeying toward Jerusalem as we dedicate our time, energy and lives in the service of God

For all who live in the Holy Land: that all who draw faith from the witness of Abraham may work to bring forth new cooperation and a season of justice and harmony

For all who have been impacted by storms or floods: that God will guide them to the resources that they need and touch the hearts of many to assist them

For members of Congress: that God will give them insight and courage to explore new ways to work together to effectively address the needs of all the people of this nation

For all who are searching for meaning, particularly young adults: that God will lead them to new insights about their gifts and how they can help others who are in need

For all the Candidates for Full Communion with the Church: that they may experience the transforming power of God's love and experience God's tender mercy in the sacrament of penance

For students who are on spring break: that God will watch over them, preserve them from harm and renew their spirits

For all who are grieving: that God will wipe away their tears and give them courage and hope for tomorrow