**The Prayer of the Faithful: Sample for WMOF2018. (Adapt… also acknowledge the Feast day e.g. St. Brigid, Feast of the Presentation, St Blaise, Our Lady of Lourdes etc)**

**Bishop**: Loving God, we bring our prayers to you knowing that you will always listen to what we ask with faith.

**Reader:** That the Spirit may help us to grow in love, especially in our families. **PAUSE**. Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Reader:** That the Spirit may teach us to be people who understand, forgive and accept others. **PAUSE**. Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Reader:** That we may learn generosity to others, especially those who are less well off than we are. **PAUSE**. Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Reader:** That we may learn how be open to other people, especially those who are different from us. May the Spirit teach us to see the dignity of every person. **PAUSE**. Lord, hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Reader:** That we may learn how to cope when things don’t turn out as we wish. Send your Spirit to help us at times of disappointment. **PAUSE**. Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Reader:** That we may learn how to make good decisions in our lives. May the Holy Spirit give us wisdom to make good choices. **PAUSE**. Lord hear us.

**Reader:** That we may be able to stand up for what is true and just. May the Holy Spirit give us strength and courage when we need it. **PAUSE**.Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Reader:** As this time of joy and celebration for us, we pray especially for families who are suffering because of sickness, unemployment or other difficulties at home. We pause to remember any family or situation which needs our prayer. **LONGER PAUSE**. Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Bishop:** Lord, send your Spirit upon us and on these young people who will be confirmed today so that all of us may come to know your love and the power of your Spirit in our lives. We make this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.