

BIDDING PRAYERS; 13th AUGUST 2023
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Priest:** Let us turn to the Lord in prayer, placing before Him the needs of the Church, the world, our local community as well as our own personal intentions.
- Reader:** For our Holy Father Pope Francis; may he step out in faith in the footsteps of St Peter, even when waters are turbulent, guiding the Church towards the saving power of Christ.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For the leaders of nations; may the experience of Elijah on Horeb teach them that truth and goodness is found, not in the drama of fire or violent storms, but rather, in the still, small voice of calm.
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- Reader:** For those who struggle to find God in their lives; may God reveal himself to them in moments of grace and wonder.
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- Reader:** For the gift of re-creation; that people may have the opportunity of rest and renewal during this holiday season and be renewed in body and spirit to face the challenges of daily life with courage and faith.
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- Reader:** For each one of us here today; may we be able to step out and walk with the Lord wherever he calls us, knowing that, with him, we can do what we may feel is impossible.
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- Reader:** Let us remember especially today those for whom this Mass is offered.
Also, all the faithful departed, especially those who have died recently:

may they be raised up on the last day.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Lord God, it is wonderful for us to be here! Receive the prayers of this community, assembled to hear the word and to offer the sacrifice of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever, Amen.