

BIDDING PRAYERS:
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time B.

Priest: Let us fix our gaze upon the Lord and await the unfolding of his mercy upon us

Reader: For the Church: that, sharing in the prophetic mission and office of Christ, she may discern the Spirit at work in our days and so witness to the truth in both word and deed.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

For those newly elected to govern our country: that they may serve with integrity and wisdom and that their every decision may be directed towards the common good.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer the violence of war in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan and elsewhere: that the community of nations may act with renewed urgency to bring about a lasting and just peace.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

For all whose cynicism clouds their perception of grace: that they may be blessed with a new vision of beauty, wisdom and goodness.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick and especially for those who suffer chronic illnesses of any kind: that they may find joy in God's grace, and strength in God's love.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Let us remember especially today the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend.

And also, all the Holy Souls and all those who have died recently, especially Joan Murphy, Margaret Beirne, James McKendrick, William Newell, Ralph Lawson, Bernard Smith and Margaret Cross. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord, in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**

Priest: God of grace, listen to our prayer and, in your mercy, grant truth where there is falsehood love where there is division and strength where there is weakness. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen