

**BIDDING PRAYERS: 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

- Priest:** Let us present our prayer to God Our Father who constantly provides for the needs of His people
- Reader:** For the Church; that adorned by one Spirit with a variety of gifts, the Church may delight in diversity and persevere in unity.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For the world; on this Peace Sunday, may nations lay aside the hatred and prejudice of the past, and seek to find new ways to build a future of common respect, justice and peace between all peoples. We pray in particular for the success of the Cease Fire in the Holy Land.  
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- Reader:** For Unity among Christians; as we celebrate the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity in the coming days, we pray that all those who bear the name of Christ will strive to work together in those areas where they share common ground and to seek greater dialogue in those areas where there is division.  
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- Reader:** For those facing important decisions; may they be attentive to the prompting of the Lord, taking to heart the words of Mary at the Wedding Feast of Cana: "Do whatever He tells you".  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For our Parish; may we seek ever new ways of reaching out to those on the margins of our community and try to share with them the wonderful gift of faith in ways that are attractive and truthful.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us
- Reader:** Let us remember today the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend.  
Also, all the faithful departed especially those who have died recently including Paul Mather, Florence Hunt and Jean Rishton; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.  
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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:** In your loving kindness, Father, help us to grow ever stronger in living out our baptismal commitments, as we make these prayers. Through Christ, our Lord.