

## **BIDDING PRAYERS: 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**23rd February 2025**

- Priest:** As children of the Most High, we turn to Him in prayer to express the needs of all people, knowing that He who is kind and full of compassion will hear our prayer:
- Reader:** For the Church; may we be a community which follows truly the teaching of Jesus, forsaking judgment and offering forgiveness in full measure.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** For Pope Francis; that he may recover from his current illness and be restored to lead God's people in the paths of righteousness and truth.  
**Lord in your mercy; hear our prayer**
- Reader:** For peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land at the present time; that God will turn the hearts of leaders of nations to seek ways of dialogue and diplomacy to solve disputes and conflicts.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** For our society; may we always seek to build a community of justice and respect for all people, whatever their culture, race or gender.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** For survivors of oppression and abuse; may their voices be heard, and may they be given the support they require to persevere with courage in rebuilding their lives  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** For all who are sick in body mind or spirit; may God lift them up and grant them strength, hope and healing.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** For our Parish; may we respond to the challenge of the message of Christ to love our enemies.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- 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 Kathleen Taylor, Maureen Cook, Joanne Smith, Sheila Kellett, Frances Cottam & Kathleen Nuttall. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.  
Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer**
- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause).  
We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** God Our Father, we beseech you to hear our intercessions and help us to recognise your response to our prayers which we make through Christ Our Lord, Amen.