

**BIDDING PRAYERS:  
14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Priest:** Gathered as a faith community to celebrate God’s unfailing love and mercy, we now turn to him in prayer:

**Reader:** For the Church, the Holy People of God; as lambs in the midst of wolves, may we trust in the strength given us by the Lord at this Eucharist to face the challenges of witnessing to our faith in an ever more secular society.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** For those who are persecuted for their faith; may they gain strength from the words of Jesus in today’s gospel, that, because of the witness of the disciples, he “saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven”.  
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**Reader:** For those coming to the end of the academic year; may they reflect on the many graces received during this year and may those coming to the end of their time at a school or period of study move on to the next stage of their lives with the confidence that God walks with them.  
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**Reader:** For those in medicine, nursing, health services and pastoral care; as co-workers with Christ, may their loving kindness bring those in their care towards the fullness of health both in body and soul.  
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**Reader:** For the families of our community; may they be safe harbours of peace and security, most especially for our children and young people.  
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**Reader:** Let us remember all those intentions for which our this Masses are offered this weekend.  
Also, all those who have died recently, especially John Prescott, Bernard Walne, Eddie Lloyd, Pauline Sharples, Lisa Percy, Patricia Allan; 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 with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**

**Priest:** God Our Father, hear these petitions which your people place before you. We make all our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.