

BIDDING PRAYERS: W/END 7-8 FEB 2026

Celebrant:

1. Let us pray for the strength and courage to be a light shining in the darkness through our faith and belief in our redemption through the coming of Christ Jesus. In the words of the gospel may our “light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to our father who is in heaven”

Lord, in your mercy...

2. We pray for our divided nation and our fractured world. May people and politicians be able to show respect for different points of view, and come together to seek out the common ground. We pray for the success of all efforts to bring peace to places of war and conflict.

Lord in your mercy...

3. We pray for all those who are discriminated against because of their race, colour, religion or gender. May God enable us to defend those who are not strong enough to defend themselves, that we may bring the light of his truth into the dark areas of human life.

Lord, in your mercy...

4. We pray for all those in our parish and town who most need to experience Christ's healing power. Through our encouragement and example, may they seek his mercy through the sacraments.

Lord, in your mercy....

We pray now for a few moments in silence as we add our own personal petitions and prayers.

Let us join our prayers with those of Mary as we say: **Hail Mary...**

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