

Bidding Prayers Sunday 10th December 2023

Priest: As we seek to prepare our hearts and our world for the coming of the Lord, let us turn to our loving Father

Reader: The response is: **Lord graciously hear us**

We pray for those living in places of war, especially Gaza and the Ukraine, where intolerance of each other's race, colour or religion breeds hatred and cruelty. We pray for peace and tranquility and love for each other throughout the world.

Lord, hear us. R. Lord graciously hear us

Reader: We pray for our political leaders, that their decision making is based on selflessness and delivering the best outcomes for the people they represent

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Reader: We pray for our own parish community, especially those who are far from their homes and families. We pray that our friendship will make them feel part of our family. Let us remember to share our lives with those we meet.

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Reader: We pray for our world, that people will be more willing to share the earth's resources so that the basic needs of all will be met.

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Reader: We pray for the sick of our Parish. That they come through these difficult times with the love and help of their families and those who care for them, at home or in hospital.

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Reader: We pray for those who have died and those they have left behind. That prayer will help overcome any grief, suffering in this season when families and memories are so important.

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Let us ask Our Lady, to bring our prayers before the presence of the Father: Hail Mary

We pause for a moment in silent prayer for our own intentions.

Priest: O Lord, our light and our help, you refresh our hope and give us fresh heart: grant our prayers, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.