

BIDDING PRAYERS: W/ENDING 15/16 FEBRUARY 2025

Celebrant:

1. As we mark Racial Justice Day this weekend, let us pray for all those who have been victims of discrimination, abuse and injustice because of their background or the colour of their skin. We pray that all those who are guilty of racial discrimination come to see that we are all equal in the eyes of God. We pray for tolerance, understanding and a determination to tackle racial injustice wherever it appears.

Lord, in your mercy....

2. Let us pray for world leaders and governments everywhere. We ask that all those in authority recognise the rights of all to freedom, justice, respect, equality and safety under the law. May all humanity come to live in the love of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy.....

3. We pray for all areas of our world that are suffering from war and violence, and all those who have been killed or wounded or made homeless as a result. We remember especially this weekend all the peoples of Gaza, Israel, The West Bank, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and other countries in the Middle East. We pray for a lasting and just peace that brings to an end so many years of conflict and bloodshed in this area.

Lord, in your mercy....

4. Let us pray for all those in our country who have been affected by violence recently, especially those young people who have been killed or injured by knife crime. We remember their families and friends as they try to understand and come to terms with the devastation of their lives. We also pray for the police, health workers and other emergency services as they battle to save lives and prevent the outbreak of more violence.

Lord, in your mercy....

Let us pause for a moment of personal, private prayer as we add our own intentions and petitions.

Together, let us ask Mary, our mother, to add our prayers to hers as we say
“Hail Mary...”

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