

Bidding Prayers

Bidding Prayers for week beginning 09 December 2023

Reader:

Let us pray for the universal Church which has Christ for its shepherd, that we may follow his path of truth and love. We pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and for his bishops, that their faith, integrity, and leadership inspire us to help further God's kingdom on earth.

Lord in your mercy.

Let us pray for those who live in our local community of all faiths and none. We remember especially this week the congregation of the Oakwood Baptist Church.

Lord in your mercy...

During this period of Advent whilst we await the coming of God's son on earth, let us pray that Christmas will bring peace to our troubled world: that the true message of Christmas will turn the hearts of people away from violence and towards justice and reconciliation.

Lord in your mercy...

As the COP28 summit draws to a close we pray for the world; that our collective actions will begin the long process of repair to the damage we have caused and that God will help us become better stewards.

Lord in your mercy...

Let us pray for the sick of our parish, for those who care for them and for those who have especially asked for our prayers:

Lord in your mercy...

Let us pray for those who have died recently

John Lewington

Ian Gordon

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, that the Lord may lead them to everlasting life:

Lord in your mercy...

Let us ask Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to pray for us:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

And now let us pray for a few moments in silence, remembering our own needs and intentions.