

Bidding Prayers

Bidding Prayers for week beginning 23 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 St. Andrews, Southgate.

Lord in your mercy...

As we celebrate the coming of God's son on earth, let us pray that Christmas will bring peace to our troubled world. We pray for an end to hostilities in Israel and Palestine, in Ukraine, and wherever in the world where conflict is rife.

Lord in your mercy...

Let us pray for all Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith, that the Lord may sustain them in the knowledge of His love for them.

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

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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.