

## **Bidding Prayers 22 October 2023**

1) Let us pray for the Pope as he guides those within and outside the Church in a troubled world. As a parish community, may *we* continue to journey together to strengthen our own faith and prayer life.

**Lord in your mercy**

2) Let us pray for all those families, individuals and children caught up in the overwhelming conflict in Gaza and Israel. We remember also those working in the frontline bringing humanitarian aid. May our world leaders be granted the wisdom and good sense to work towards peace. Let us not lose our faith, love and hope.

**Lord in your mercy**

3) Let us pray for those young and older people preparing for the Sacraments. May their parents, carers and friends guide them by example along the path which God is calling them.

**Lord, in your mercy**

4) Let us pray for all volunteers in our local neighbourhoods who reach out in friendship and compassion to those in need. This week we remember especially the people of St. Thomas's Oakwood.

**Lord in your mercy**

5) Let us pray for all who are ill, including those with psychological or chronic physical conditions, and for people who have especially asked for our prayers.

**Lord, in your mercy**

6) Let us pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, that they will enjoy everlasting life in your kingdom.

**Lord, in your mercy**

Let us ask Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to pray with us as we say: *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art 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.*

Let us now pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions.