

Bidding prayers for week of 31 December 2023

1) Let us pray for the Pope, the Church and our own parish community as we welcome in the *New Year*. May we celebrate our diversity as a strength, as we build together Christ's Kingdom here in North London.

Lord in your mercy

2) On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us pray for all families, especially for those who feel alone or are bereaved. May all our families be a witness of God's love to the wider world.

Lord in your mercy

3) Let us pray for peace in those devastated parts of our world, where families and children are suffering. May we hold onto the hope that justice and compassion would replace fear, hatred and helplessness.

Lord in your mercy

4) Let us pray for refugees and migrants trapped in desperate circumstances. May they have the food, safety and shelter they need to survive. Let us also remember the marginalised people in our community that they would experience the love and kindness that would contribute to a brighter future, despite their uncertainty.

Lord in your mercy

5) Let us pray for those who are sick and for those living with chronic conditions and for their healing in body, mind and spirit.

Lord in your mercy

6) Let us pray for all who have died, especially the lately dead...

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and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Lord in your mercy

Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of us all, to pray for us.

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.

And now let us pray for a few moments in silence.