

**Bidding Prayers – 19th Sunday of the Year -
6th & 7th August 2022 – Year C**

Priest

Loving Lord, yet again today we hear Jesus tell us not to be afraid and so we come to you in confidence with our hopes and dreams, joys and sorrows, successes and failures. We bring you ourselves and all those whom we know and love and those people whom we will never meet, knowing that you care for them.

Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all religious leaders. May they guide our world towards living together in peace, justice and compassion. **Pause** ... Lord hear us ... **Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for Archbishop Justin Welby and all those who will take part in the Lambeth Conference. May the Holy Spirit inspire and lead their decision-making on behalf of Anglicans across the world. **Pause** ... Lord hear us ... **Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for those suffering from famine in East Africa where up to 20 million people are fighting for survival as they face a major food crisis. We pray that charities such as Cafod are able to respond in the communities they work with and those who have will give. **Pause** ... Lord hear us ... **Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for the people of Ukraine, Yemen, Myanmar, Somalia and Hong Kong. May their human rights be respected and upheld as they search for dignity and freedom. Similarly we pray for the people of Taiwan that constructive dialogue is achieved, which leads to peace and an end to all threats of war. **Pause** ... Lord hear us ... **Lord, graciously hear us**

We pray for families who are struggling to make ends meet, remembering in particular those families in our own community. May they find workable solutions to their difficulties, solutions which will also help them to grow in their love for each other. **Pause** ... Lord hear us ... **Lord, graciously hear us**

Reflecting on our own needs we pray in silence ...

PLEASE TAKE A LONG PAUSE

Lord hear us ... **Lord, graciously hear us**

We ask Mary, our Mother to intercede for us by saying together: **Hail Mary...**

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Lord God, hear our prayers. Draw us ever closer to you who love us more than we can possibly imagine. We ask this in the name of Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**