**Bidding Prayers – Pentecost Sunday - 22/23 May 2021**

**Father** On this Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles, that we too may be blessed with the wisdom of the Spirit, and grow in the love of God.

**Reader** We pray for Pope Francis, his cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and all in the religious life, that they may be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and preach the word of God, bringing us the renewing and healing power of the sacraments.

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

**Reader** We ask the Holy Spirit to bestow on us the wisdom and insight to care for the earth and environment, and to preserve His gifts of water, land and climate , now and for the future.

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

**Reader** We pray for the people of India, that the Holy Spirit inspire their doctors and nurses in fighting the ravages of Covid.

We also pray for the Church in India, who have lost three bishops and 143 priests to the pandemic.

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

**Reader** We pray for a permanent end to the violence and bombings in Gaza, Palestine and Israel, and for the innocent victims who have died. Let the Holy Spirit inspire world leaders to dedicate their efforts in bringing comfort and peace to all troubled regions.

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

**Reader** We pray for the safety and welfare of law enforcement, military personnel, firefighters, and all who stand in harm’s way, to protect and defend the lives of others.

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

**Reader** We pray for those who have died that they may share in the gift and promise of eternal life.

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

**Reader** Let us pray for our own intentions.

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

**Reader** We pray to our Mother Mary as we say, Hail Mary full of grace . . .

**Father** Loving Father, bless us with the sevenfold gifts of your Holy Spirit and let our lives manifest all the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.