**Bidding Prayers for Saturday 21 and Sunday 22nd August 2021**

**Fr. Rory** At this time of so much turmoil and tragedy in our world, we make our prayers to our loving Father, who, at all times, is so close to those who suffer. **Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader** We pray for Pope Francis, his cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and all who follow the religious life. May they, in their different ways, use their gifts, to support all under their care and protection.

**Fr. Rory Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader** We pray for religious tolerance in our world, where different races and cultures can live in mutual respect of each other, in a peaceful and just existence. We pray in particular for the people of Afghanistan.

**Fr. Rory Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader** We pray that we may be filled with courage, to seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven and establish peace and equality for all, in our communities.

**Fr. Rory** **Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader** We pray for the people of Haiti; for those who have died, and those who have lost loved ones, in last week’s tragic earthquake.

**Fr. Rory Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader** We pray for our Parish Community, that it may continue to flourish, through work and prayer.

**Fr. Rory Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader** Let us remember, in silence, our own personal intentions, and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers.

**Fr. Rory Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader** We pray for guidance from Our Mother Mary, as we say, Hail Mary full of grace . . .

**Fr. Rory** Lord, we ask that you hear our prayers, and grant us new life and hope through faith, in your infinite love and generosity.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.