**Bidding Prayers – Sunday 4 September 2022 Twenty Third Sunday Ord. Time**

**Father Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us pray before him, with all our hearts and minds.**

**Reader We pray for Pope Francis, his cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and all in the religious life. That they may be inspired to lead and serve with Our Lord’s guidance.**

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

**Reader We pray for our children as they return to school, may they achieve great things, both personally and collectively, through the wise guidance of parents and teachers.**

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

**Reader Help us all to be understanding, forgiving and show those we encounter, a positive, caring and supportive attitude.**

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

**Reader Comfort all who live with grief, loneliness and isolation.**

**Calm their fears and lead them into peace and freedom.**

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

**Reader We pray for members of voluntary groups, societies and associations, throughout the world, who work tirelessly within the community, helping those in need. May their constant commitment help those they work with, and inspire others to do the same.**

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

**Reader Let us pray for the tens of thousands of people in Northern Pakistan, affected by the recent flooding, may the aid they receive, help them to rebuild their homes and lives.**

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

**Reader Let us be mindful of the ongoing suffering in the Ukraine,**

**and for the refugees, made homeless. May they be welcomed wherever they go, as they live temporary lives with host families.**

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

**Reader We ask our Mother Mary to hear our prayers as we say,**

**“Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee . . .”**

**Reader Let us now pray in silence for our own intensions.**

**Father Loving Father of mankind, hear our prayers through Christ Our Lord, Amen.**