**Bidding Prayers for Christmas Eve 2022.**

**Father Almighty God who has given us new light by your Incarnate Word, grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine in our lives through Jesus Christ Our Lord Amen.**

**Reader We pray for Pope Francis, his bishops, priests and deacons, especially Fr. Rory and Deacon John. We pray that all parishioners and members of the church will be supportive of each another and show the love and peace of our Saviour.**

 ***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer*.**

**Reader Let us pray for peace in the world, that the message of Christmas, will turn the hearts of men and women, away from violence and hatred, towards justice and reconciliation. We remember especially the inhabitants of Ukraine, who are continually suffering at the moment.**

***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

***Reader* We pray for our families, that this Christmas, our homes will be filled with hope, peace, love and joy.**

 ***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

**Reader Let us pray for those who, this Christmas, are sad, lonely or grieving, that Our Lord will console and strength them with his presence.**

 ***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

**Reader Let us pray for our beloved ones who have died, that the peace and joy of heaven may be theirs.**

 ***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

**Reader We ask Mary, mother of our Saviour, to join her prayers with ours as we say Hail Mary . . .**

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

 **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**Father Heavenly Father, we thank you for this Christmas Eve, and the many blessings you have given, in granting us a restful night of sleep, as we await the celebration of the birth of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.**