**Bidding Prayers - Sunday 22 Jan’23 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**(Sunday of the Word of God)**

**Father Today, “Sunday of the Word of God” proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ, “The Light of the World” a beacon, who draws all people to himself.**

**Reader This week we ask the Lord for that light and help in our own lives and the lives of all humanity.**

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

**Reader We pray for Pope Francis, his cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and all in the religious life, that they may continue to shine a light and create good influences within their parishes and communities. Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader We pray for those who are ill, in hospital or being cared for at home. May they be given the strength and hope they need to cope with their illnesses.**

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

**Reader We pray for all those who suffer in any way, but especially the homeless, in this bitterly cold weather. Help them to find and accept the shelter they need, and may God comfort them and his healing hand strengthen them.**

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

**Reader We pray for those who are anxious in their everyday lives.**

**May they seek the help they need, from their families, friends or the surrounding community, in order to solve or at least lessen the burdens they are experiencing.**

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

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

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

**Reader We pray to our blessed mother Mary as we say, Hail Mary . . .**

**Father God in your mercy, grace and love, hear our prayers, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.**