**Bidding Prayers for “Prisons Sunday “15 October 2023**

Father God provides our every need. Let us therefore, place our petitions before him, trusting in his loving mercy.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Reader We pray for peace in our world, and especially think of the innocent men, women and children, caught up in the violence taking place in Israel and Gaza at the moment.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Reader We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, his cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and all in the religious life, that they may help to guide us through the turmoil that life offers.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Reader We pray for all those who are presently serving prison sentences.

Help them to cope with the situation they are in, with the help of supportive staff and prison governors.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Reader We pray for our young people as they prepare for the sacraments throughout the year. May they grow in their knowledge and love of God.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Reader We pray for those suffering in mind, body and spirit, that they may turn to Our Lady for help. “Hail Mary full of Grace . . .”

Reader Let us pray for those who have died, their families, friends, and for the many people separated from their loved ones, both at home and abroad.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Reader Let us all now pray in the silence of our hearts for our own intentions.

Father Ever loving God, we turn to You in our need, and seek you when we are lost. Let Your spirit open our hearts, to receive your love in abundance. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.