**Bidding Prayers – Sunday 19 November 2023**

**Father Loving God, we pray for all those in need who are going through upheaval and distress, in circumstances and situations only you can change.**

**Reader We pray for Pope Francis and all the clergy supporting him in the Vatican and throughout the world. Let us all follow his example showing goodness and kindness to those who are In need of our support. Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader We pray for the Church throughout the world, remembering those who are vulnerable and in danger because of their faith, Uphold and strengthen all who are persecuted for their beliefs.**

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

**Reader We pray for peace, for understanding between nations, religions and factions. We especially pray for those suffering in the Ukraine and Gaza, that an eventual solution for living alongside each other with mutual respect may eventually happen.**

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

**Reader We pray for those living on the streets, who are often abused and ignored. May they find shelter, warmth and food during this very cold and wet weather.**

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

**Reader We remember those who have died and the families and friends who grieve for their loved ones.**

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

**Reader We now pray silently for our own intentions.**

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

**Reader We pray to our Mother Mary for guidance in helping us to feel less anxious as we say “Hail Mary full of grace . . .”**

**Father Gracious God help us to be kind and thoughtful to those in need and to be grateful for what we have. Send us out this coming week, ready to show our gratitude in all that we do and say.**

 **In the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.**