**Bidding Prayers for Sunday 5th May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Father As we are gathered in the love of God & filled with the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before Our Heavenly Father.**

**Reader We pray for the church & for all who give their lives to God.**

**May the Holy Spirit fortify them with courage to remain strong in the faith, that in every trial they may glory in the name of Jesus.**

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

**Reader Jesus invites us to “Remain in my Love.” May the nations of the world rejoice in that love so that hatred war & bloodshed may come to an end.**

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

**Reader “Sing a New Song Unto the Lord.” We pray for musicians, who enrich our praise & worship of God through their music. May their ministry lift our minds & hearts to glorify the name of God.**

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

**Reader We pray for parents preparing for their children’s baptism, and for those within the parish baptism teams, supporting these parents, with their time and expertise. May they all feel the love and prayers of our Parish Community.**

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

**Reader We pray for those in hospital, both patients and staff.**

**Let them be comforted and strengthened in the knowledge of Christ’s unconditional love for them, as they work and heal.**

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

**Reader Let us pray to Mary our Mother as we say “Hail Mary full of grace…”**

**Reader We now pray in the silence for our own private intentions.**

**Father Heavenly and loving Father, send your spirit of truth into our hearts, that we may faithfully live by the commandments of Christ Our Lord, and be true to the love you have shown us. We ask this through Christ Our Lord Amen.**