**Bidding Prayers 16 February 2025**

**Father Let us turn in prayer to our Heavenly Father, who always feeds and sustains us on our journey, by offering intercessions for our church, our society, and all those who are in need.**

**Reader We pray for Pope Francis his Cardinals Bishops Priests Deacons; all who follow the religious life. To quote Pope Francis, “May our many Christian Communities always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are most vulnerable, opening wide their doors, to welcome them, lest anyone ever be robbed of the hope of a better future. *Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.***

**Reader We pray for migrants, refugees & those affected by war, that their right to an education, a necessity to build a better world, will always be respected. *Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

**Reader Let us pray for families in crisis, that through forgiveness, they will find healing & rediscover each other’s gifts, despite their many differences. *Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

**Reader Let us pray that new technologies will not replace human relationships, but will respect the dignity of the person & help us face the challenges ahead. *Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

**Reader We pray for all who have died in the Californian fires, & for the families who mourn them. Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. *Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

**Reader We pray to our mother Mary as we say“Hail Mary full of grace …”**

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

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

**Father In the words of Bishop Vincent in Malawi, “Let us pray that we learn how to discern, how to choose the right paths in life, and how to reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.” Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.**