**Bidding Prayers Third Sunday of Lent 23 March 2025**

**Father Led by the Holy Spirit, let us turn to God Our Father for the needs of the church, the vulnerable and all those who depend on others to provide food, water clothing and shelter.**

**Reader We pray for good health for Pope Francis, his cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and all in the religious life. Grant them humility, wisdom and generosity to effectively make and carry out their decisions.**

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

**Reader We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach people to share their goods and profits, so that all of life may flourish.**

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

**Reader We pray for all nations to protect their inhabitants, and collaborate towards a working peace. Help them to form bonds of compassion and mutual care across human boundaries and borders, in order for the world to have enough to live.**

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

**Reader We pray for all in need and comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict.**

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

**Reader We pray for communities without sufficient food, clean water or proper sanitation. May projects to help them be abundant.**

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

**Reader We pray for those who have died and for those 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 of our private intentions.**

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

**Father Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.**