**Bidding Prayers 8/6/25 Pentecost Day of Prayer for the Church.**

**Father Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, and united in Jesus, on the Feast of Pentecost, we make our prayers to God Our Father.**

**Reader We pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo, his cardinals, bishops, priests, Deacons and all in the religious life. May they be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, in their faith, and encourage others in their communities to follow their example.**

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

**Reader Let us pray for peace and justice to prevail in the world, especially in regions where there is extreme conflict.**

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

**Reader Let us pray for those who are sick in hospital, at home or in nursing homes, in the hope that they may receive God’s healing and restoration.**

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

**Reader We pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world; strengthened by the Holy Spirit, grant them perseverance and courage in their faithfulness and witness to the Gospel.**

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

**Reader As stewards of the earth, entrusted with care for its creatures and resources, may we nurture and safeguard what the Lord has created. *Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.***

**Reader We now pray to our Mother Mary as we say “Hail Mary . . .”**

**Reader Let us now pray for our own intentions, but also think of those who have died, and hope their families and friends may be comforted in their overwhelming grief.**

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

**Father Heavenly Father, open up our hearts to the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that we may walk in the light of your presence. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever, Amen.**