**Bidding Prayers for Sunday 17 August 2025**

**Father As we open our hearts and minds in prayer, let us prepare ourselves to be true disciples of the Lord, imploring his intersession in supporting our true commitment to the Gospel.**

**Reader We pray Lord for the strength and perseverance to proclaim and live your message clearly, proudly, and with clarity, to those who would deny you.**

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

**Reader We pray that families who are divided by disagreements, pride and misunderstandings may seek reconciliation through love, hope and forgiveness.**

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

**Reader We pray that our world may not be divided by bullying, intimidation, aggression and threats of trade wars, but that our leaders may be guided by a willingness to listen, and understand each other’s problems with mutual respect and commitment to peace.**

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

**Reader We pray for those suffering from war, hunger, homelessness and enforced separation from loved ones.**

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

**Reader We pray for the sick, especially those with life threatening illnesses, may they receive the best care, medication and treatment, to ease their pain and bring them to a full recovery.**

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

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

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

**Reader Let us pray to Mary as we say, “Hail Mary full of grace. . . “**

**Father Father, we thank you for the gift of the Gospel. May we never fear to live by it’s inspiring message of faith, hope and love.**

**Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.**