

## 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

### Bidding Prayers

**Presider:** Reader: We pray:  
All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

As the disciples waited in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,  
let's keep vigil with them and pray:

#### **Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 For all Christian churches and groups.  
May we take seriously our Lord's call to be united by doing what we can  
to meet together, pray together and work together.  
We pray: **R. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- 2 For the many young victims of yet another school shooting in America.  
We pray especially for their parents and families distraught with grief.  
We pray: **R. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- 3 For an end to the dreadful violence being inflicted on the people of Ukraine,  
for those working tirelessly to save lives and alleviate suffering,  
and for the many countries welcoming refugees and trying to reunite loved ones.  
We pray: **R. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- 4 For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith,  
especially Rose Price and Stuart Williams.  
We pray: **R. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions  
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,  
especially Brian Hughes, Celina Madyada and all the people of this parish community.  
(Pause for silent prayer)  
We pray: **R. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- 6 As Mary prayed with the disciples in the Upper Room,  
let us ask her to pray with us now, as we say: **'Hail Mary...'**

#### **Presider: Prayer for World Communications Day**

O God,  
whose word is truth and in whose light we see light,  
guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.  
Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity.  
Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours,  
and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world,  
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence  
and of longing for your peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.