

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)**

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** On this most holy day, let us now turn to God in prayer.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 For a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in the Church,  
and on all God's people throughout the world.  
May God's Spirit soften our hearts and teach us how to love.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
  
- 2 For the world God loves so much.  
We pray especially for those countries that are battered and bruised  
by war and violence.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
  
- 3 For the children celebrating their First Communion with us this weekend.  
May they feel welcome in this community,  
and come to treasure their friendship with Jesus and his Church.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
  
- 4 For our sisters and brothers in the other Christian Churches and groups,  
especially those gathering at our two cathedrals in Liverpool this weekend.  
May the Holy Spirit inspire us to pray together and work together.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
  
- 5 For those we are thinking about ourselves,  
for Bernadette Vaughan, Thomas Ireland and Hazel Molyneux who have died,  
for those taking exams at this time,  
and for Michael Clifton and all the people of this parish community.  
*(Pause for silent prayer)*  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
  
- 6 As Mary prayed with the disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem,  
let us ask her to pray with us now, as we say: **"Hail Mary..."**

**Presider:** Father,  
pour out your Spirit upon your people  
and grant us a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power,  
a new faithfulness to your Word,  
and a new consecration to your service,  
that your love may grow among us,  
and your Kingdom come.  
Through Christ our Lord.