

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us pray to God our Father,
who reconciles us to himself and to one another.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For ourselves and all God's people.
That we may speak the truth with love,
and never condemn or write off one another.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For the earth, our common home.
May we do all we can to protect it, nurture it and share it
with the poor and those who will come after us.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For all who help to provide a Catholic education for our children and young people,
especially Governors and Senior Leaders, Teachers and Teaching Assistants,
Administrative and Chaplaincy Teams, Welfare and Domestic Staff.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Joseph Chan and Lee Kam.
May they rest in peace and live in Christ.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions,
for the people of Morocco following an earthquake on Friday night,
the people of Hong Kong following the devastating floods this week,
and for Jasmine Turner, Theresa Hodgkinson,
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: Not in the grandeur of glorious buildings, O God,
but where two or three are gathered in his name,
does your Son promise to be present.
He teaches that those who go astray are not sinners to be punished,
nor enemies to be shunned,
but cherished brothers and sisters, whom we must seek out and regain.
In a world of precept and punishment,
make us people whose law is love for one another.
Through Christ our Lord.