

## **6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** Now let us pray to the Father  
who loves each one of us and cares for us.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 For peace in the Holy Land, for the release of the Israeli hostages  
and those Palestinians arrested without charge, for the displaced and the injured,  
the sick without medical care and so many families in distress.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For all those who are sick at home or in hospital,  
for the medical staff who care for them,  
and for all who are able to make the time to visit and support them.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For those who cannot find employment,  
for anyone who is struggling in the work they have,  
and for those who are facing redundancy.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Eileen Price, Edith Morris and Ray Toft.  
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 children beginning their preparation for First Communion and their families,  
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,  
especially Carole Lawless, Eileen Lawton  
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:** *Prayer for National Marriage Week*  
**Blessed are you, Lord, king of all creation:  
you have made us your beloved,  
and have showered your gifts upon us.  
With all married couples we bless you,  
and thank you for their years together.  
Continue to fill their hearts with love for you and for each other.  
Bless them, their children, their relatives and friends,  
and lead them through this life to eternal happiness with you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**