

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: The Lord tells us to ask and we shall receive.
So, with confidence, let us bring our prayers to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For the grace to pray a little each day,
and not to be put off when we find it difficult.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For an end to the evil being inflicted on the people of Gaza.
May the leaders of the world back up their words with action and ensure
an end to the war, that humanitarian aid gets to the starving and the wounded,
that prisoners on both sides are released, and that all groups are brought together
to find a just and peaceful way forward.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For all those who are grandparents.
May they be a source of wisdom for their families
and pass on the treasure of faith to their grandchildren.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For older people who are alone and seek the tenderness of an embrace.
May no one have to live in isolation, but receive a visit from a friend or neighbour
and so experience the Lord's promise: "I am with you always".
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions; for our beloved dead, especially Winifred Redfern,
Terrence Farrell and Elizabeth Hyamson; and for those we have been asked to
remember this weekend, especially Alice & Samuel Taylor, Olive Elizabeth Swift
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now, together with the pilgrims in Lourdes, let us ask Our Lady and St Bernadette
to pray for us all, as we say: **"Hail Mary..."**

Presider: Father,
you always hear our prayers
and give us what we need.
Help us to trust you like Jesus your Son,
who is Lord for ever and ever.