

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: As Abraham and Sarah trusted in God's promises,
let us bring our prayers to the Father,
trusting that he will always attend to our needs.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 Let us pray that the images of starvation and homelessness in Gaza,
especially babies and children, will challenge the conscience of the world
and bring an end to the war, the return of hostages, the release of prisoners,
and humanitarian aid for the tens of thousands who are desperately in need.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For the many people driven from their homelands by war and violence.
May we recognise the face of Christ in them and do all we can to help them.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For those who get caught up in the many false narratives circulating online.
May the Holy Spirit open their minds and hearts
so that they are able to discern what is true and what is false.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For all those who come to our parish in need.
May they find in us willing and faithful servants of the Lord.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we are remembering in our prayers today,
especially Elizabeth Hyamson who has died, Collette Ross, Martin Patrick
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 Asylum Seekers and Refugees*

Open our eyes, O Lord,
to see the poor and the needy at our doors.
Open our hearts to welcome them to our tables,
and to share with them,
the many good things you have given us.
Through Christ our Lord.