

## **2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** Now let us bring our prayers to God whose love for us knows no bounds.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 May the love God has for each one of us  
inspire us in our love for one another.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For peace and justice for those who are suffering because of war and violence.  
We remember especially the people of Gaza, the West Bank, Ukraine, Sudan,  
Myanmar, Congo and the Sahel region in Africa.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For those who are sick at home or in hospital,  
those who have received the results of tests which are not good,  
and those who are facing the end of life.  
May they experience the closeness of God.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Mark Postlethwaite, Rita Hutson, Michael Meade,  
Annette Parker and all those who were killed in the ski resort fire in Switzerland.  
May they rest in peace and live in Christ.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions  
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,  
especially John O'Neill, Peter Earl, Mary Taylor  
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, mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:  
**'Hail Mary...'**

**Presider:** Father,  
we place these prayers into your hands.  
Help us to trust in your care for us,  
especially on those days which trouble us.  
Through Christ our Lord.