

## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

### Bidding Prayers

**Presider:** God always hears us and never withholds his love from us.  
So, with great trust, let us open our hearts to him in prayer.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 Christ's command to love includes those fleeing from their homelands because of war, violence and persecution. So let us pray that our country will make a determined effort to help those in genuine need, and refrain from unfair judgments and prejudice based on the actions of a few.  
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 Too many innocent men, women and children across the world are suffering in ways we can barely imagine because of a handful of tyrants. Let us pray for the many unsung heroes who give their lives to work for peace, nurse the wounded, feed the hungry and rescue those in danger. May they know the protection of God in the face of evil.  
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For all those who are taking tests and exams at school, college or university. May they have the love and support they need at this time, and may all their efforts be rewarded.  
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For those who are coming to the end of their lives, for their families who are sitting with them, and for those who have died, especially Katherine Ann Robinson and Monica Brown.  
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions and for those we have been asked to remember in our prayers, especially Vincent Lawton, Gerald Griffin and all the people of this parish community.  
*(Pause for silent prayer)*  
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of the risen Lord Jesus, to pray for us all:  
**"Hail Mary..."**

**Presider:** Father in heaven,  
we place these prayers into your hands  
and commend ourselves to your care.  
Through Christ our Lord.