

## **BIDDING PRAYERS: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- Priest:** Let us open our eyes and our hearts to the goodness and generosity of our loving Father and with confidence seek His ever-generous assistance.
- Reader:** We pray for Pope Francis; may his visits this week to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan bring hope and faith to the people of those nations and highlight the need of many African countries for international support.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us
- Reader:** We pray for all members of the Church; may we respond effectively to the call of today's gospel to be salt of the earth and bring light to the world.  
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- Reader:** For the leaders of every community and nation; that all governments may reflect the values of responsible caring, compassion and integrity, so that no individual or minority is neglected or left in need.  
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- Reader:** We pray for those who live in darkness; may those suffering from poverty, violence, abuse or lack of hope be supported by the community and may they find that the light of God's love will bring them hope in their lives.  
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- Reader:** We pray for our young people; may they not be distracted by the false lights of a superficial life but recognise that the true light can only be found through the example and words of Christ, our loving Saviour.  
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- Reader:** We pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or soul, particularly those in our parish community; may the Lord grant good health and healing.  
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- Reader:** Let us remember those for whom this Mass is offered.  
And also, all the faithful departed, especially those who have died recently, including, Helen Gillan, Josephine Healey, Mary Hewitt, Brenda Brockbank, Mark Anthony Nowell, Hazel MacDonald, Lillian Elleray, Beverley Keany and Patrick Mackey may they be raised up on the last day.  
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join her prayers to ours: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Father, God of love, increase our love for each other, that we may salt for the earth and that your light may shine through us as we pray.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.