

**BIDDING PRAYERS**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Priest:** As we make our prayers, let us open our eyes and our hearts to the goodness of our loving Father and with confidence seek His ever-generous assistance.

**Reader:** We pray for the Church; may she promote rules and patterns of life which are always discerned from the love of God  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** We pray for those who formulate our civil laws and those who apply them; may our laws reflect the law of God which, as our first reading tells us, is always life giving and based on the wisdom of the Lord.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** We pray married couples; may their love for each other grow in strength, especially in times of difficulty, so that their love may reflect the love of the Lord who is the love that binds them together.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** We pray for all those who are affected by earthquake in Turkey and Syria; may the people of the world join together to bring aid and relief so that people can rebuild their lives.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** We pray for the work of Caritas; may we look to support the well-being of all people in our local communities.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** We pray for children, young people and teachers who have a holiday from school this week; may it be a time of rest and recreation for them and their families.  
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**Reader:** Let us remember especially today all those intentions for which this Mass is offered.  
Also, all those who have died recently especially, Josephine Healey, Mary Hewitt, Mark Nowell, Helen Gillan, Lillian Elleray, Beverley Keany, 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, we thank you for opening our eyes to the light and the true path of life through which we can gain salvation. We make these prayers through Christ, our Lord. Amen