

## **Bidding Prayers for 6th Sunday of Easter – 13th May 2012**

### ***Celebrant***

With confidence and hope, let us pray for the Church and for the needs of all God's people.

### ***Reader***

We pray for the church and for those who dedicate their lives to the work of God. May the Lord guide them in all that they do.

*PAUSE ... Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

We pray for our parish community. May we open our hearts to the Gospel message and through our own lives, spread the great love of the Lord Jesus.

*PAUSE ... Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

We pray for all our young people who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. May they grow in their faith, sustained and supported by all of us.

*PAUSE ... Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

We pray for those who are motivated by hatred and prejudice, and for those who suffer in consequence. We pray especially for the victims of unrest and terror in the Middle East.

*PAUSE ... Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

We pray for peace in our world. May our leaders be guided by wisdom, tolerance and respect for our fellow men and women.

*PAUSE ... Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

We pray for all those who spend their lives caring for others, and who through their selflessness, are a living embodiment of the gospel message of love for others. We pray too for the sick and those who are suffering. May they be comforted in the love and compassion of Christ.

*PAUSE ... Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

We pray for those who have died and gone before us, and for those who mourn their loss. We pray especially for *ō ō ō ō ō* for whom this Mass is offered.

*PAUSE ... Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer***

We pray in silence, in the presence of Christ, for our own needs and intentions. *PAUSE ...*

We recall how Mary, the mother of Jesus, lived a life of sacrifice and selflessness as we say: *Hail Mary ...*

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Heavenly Father, God of love, you sent Jesus your Son to show us how to live and care for each other. Hear our prayers and help us to live for ever in your presence, and recognize your will for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**