

## **Bidding Prayers: Advent B1.**

*Priest: The season of Advent is a reminder of the love and power of God to save. God knows our needs before we voice them; to pray is an act of trust and an act of hope that God will hear our cry.*

**Reader:** We pray for the Church:

That, at the beginning of Advent, our hearts may be renewed and that we may deepen our faith and trust in God.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of the Church:

That they may witness to the power of God by their lives of justice and truth.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those with responsibility and leadership:

We pray for all those whose work seeks to remove conflict, reduce tension and build justice.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are waiting in pain and suffering. We remember those waiting for hospital appointments; those waiting for loved ones to return; those waiting to meet the Lord in death.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Rose Bradshaw, Marion Hocking, Frank Davies, David Hoyle and Agnes Eccles and all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time Agnes Marlow, Mary Kiernan, Margaret Ireland, John Drake, Fr. Dan Darragan, Joan Barot, Sarah Gribben, George McGuire, Margaret Wright, Lily Crook, JohnMcMahon, Terence Redikin, William Benton and Joe Hull.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Let us ask our loving Mother Mary to be with us and pray for us as we say:

**Hail Mary, full of grace...**

Let us pray for a moment in the silence of our hearts.

*Priest: Father, you are the potter, we are the clay. Hear the prayers of your people who cry out to you in trust. In poverty of spirit, we make these prayers through Christ our Lord.*