

**Bidding Prayers**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

*The response to our prayers is 'Lord, hear our prayer'*

*In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that He is the vine, we are the branches and that without Him we cannot bear fruit. We pray for the grace to remain always close to Him, through prayer and love of our neighbour, so that our lives may be fruitful and bring glory to the Father who loves us.*

*Let us pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer*

*We pray for our church – that it continues to grow and flourish through the living faith and love of all its members. We pray especially for all those who promote the word and love of the Lord within the Church - that seeds be sown in our communities which will bear fruit and that all may come to recognise the true vine that is Jesus.*

*Let us pray to the Lord   R. Lord, hear our prayer*

*We pray for leaders of nations – that their actions may bear the fruit of peace throughout the world.*

*Let us pray to the Lord   R. Lord, hear our prayer*

*In today's Second reading we see how Paul, persecutor of the early Christians, was forgiven and inspired to be a disciple by our Father who has an unlimited love for all of us. With this confidence, we ask the Lord to forgive us too and grant us the grace to be living examples of his love for us.*

*Let us pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer*

*We unite in prayer with Christians of the Eastern Churches who celebrate Easter tomorrow and pray that all those who love and follow Christ, East and West, appreciate the richness of diversity and be united in faith and in living the Gospel.*

*We pray to the Lord                      R. Lord, hear our prayer*

***In this month of May we ask Mary our Mother to pray for us to God, that the great suffering being experienced by so many throughout the world may end. We pray in particular for the people of India and that other nations will generously share both medicines and equipment with them without delay.***

***We pray to the Lord***

***R. Lord hear our prayer***

***We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers.***

***We pray to the Lord***

***R. Lord hear our prayer***