

## **BIDDING PRAYERS FOR W/END 17/18TH MAY 2025.**

### **Celebrant:**

**1.** Let us pray for our new Pope Leo, that like Paul and Barnabus in the first reading, he can open the door to spread the good news of the gospel to the world, and inspire us all to be witnesses to the life and teachings of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

**2.** Jesus commands us to love one another as he has loved us, to show that we are his disciples. Let us pray for the tolerance and understanding to reach out to all of God's children, no matter where they are from, so that hatred and suspicion can become a thing of the past.

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

**3.** Let us pray for all the school, college and university students who will be sitting examinations over the coming weeks. We ask that they can remain calm and focussed as they study and prepare, that they have the love and support of their families and friends, and that they all succeed in achieving their goals.

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

**4.** In this week after the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bradford fire at Valley Parade, we give thanks for the work of the emergency services: police, fire and ambulance, and all the doctors and nurses who come to our aid in times of trouble, danger and illness. We pray that as they respond to help us when we are in need, they are kept safe and protected from harm.

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

**In silence for a few moments, let us add our own personal prayers and petitions.**

Let us now ask Mary, our mother, and the mother of the church, to present our petitions to her Son. **Hail, Mary.....**

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