

**BIDDING PRAYERS: OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Priest:** As children of God, let us pray for our needs and those of all his people.

**Reader:** On this Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we pray for the Church in the Diocese of Salford; may our Bishop, John, our priests and all the lay faithful renew their dedication to building up God's kingdom.  
Lord hear us .....Lord graciously hear us

**Reader:** We pray for the Church; may all Christians have hearts open to receive the word of God, so the Gospel may grow within us, and our lives may bear fruit in deeds of justice and peace.  
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**Reader:** For the world; that all nations, free of political repression, may resist the lure of wealth and seek the glorious freedom of the children of God.  
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**Reader:** For those who sow seeds of faith; may they persevere in the work of the Lord and be conscious that seed does fall in receptive ground, even when results may not always seem immediately apparent.  
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**Reader:** For our Parish; may we continue to seek new ways of building this community as the family of God.  
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**Reader:** For each one of us here today; may we gain strength and grace from our celebration here and may it have an effect in our lives and inspire the lives of our families and friends.  
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**Reader:** Let us remember especially today those for whom this Mass is offered. And also, all the faithful departed, especially Teresa Hodgson, Hilda Warbrick, Michael Murphy and Mary Phasey who have died recently; 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 Our Lady of Mount Carmel to intercede on our behalf: **Hail Mary ...**

**Priest:** God Our Father, hear these petitions which your people place before you on this day. Help us to remain close to our Blessed Mother Mary, that we also be close to her Son, Our Lord Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever, Amen.