

**BIDDING PRAYERS:
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- Priest:** Like the tax-collector in the Gospel, let us approach God with humility; saying, "God, be merciful to us sinners."
- Reader:** For the Church; may the prayer shared by Pope Leo and King Charles in the Sistine Chapel this week, mark a healing of divisions and a growth in unity between the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion.
Lord hear usLord graciously hear us
- Reader:** For those in positions of power; may they beware of becoming blinded by the status of their situation and always listen carefully for the voices of the oppressed and come to the aid of the destitute and defenceless.
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- Reader:** For those who are making decisions about the future of our country; may their hearts and minds be informed by right conscience and may the Common Good always be their primary objective.
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- Reader:** For those who suffer from depression anxiety or despair; may they find the courage and faith to pray, realising like the tax collector, that they are not beyond God's mercy.
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- Reader:** For those who are sick; may the healing hand of God be upon them.
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- Reader:** For the work of evangelism; may we bring the wonderful message of the Gospel to those who are most in need that they may know the truth of a God who loves each one of us.
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- Reader:** For the intentions for which our Masses are offered this weekend Also, all those who have died recently, especially, Richard Whalley, Anna Wignall and John Lever; may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
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- Reader:** Let us pray for our own private intentions; (pause). We ask Mary, our Mother, to join with us in our prayers: **Hail Mary ...**
- Priest:** Heavenly Father, your Son invoked your name in prayer while here on earth among us, we now follow his pattern and offer you these prayers. We ask that you hear and grant them, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.