

## Bidding Prayers

### Priest

Brothers and sisters, the word of God is living and active among us. Trusting in the Lord who speaks to his people and heals every wound, let us place our prayers before him.

### Reader

For the Church throughout the world - that she may always listen attentively to the word of God, proclaim it faithfully, and bring hope to all who long for healing and mercy.

### Lord, in your mercy

For all who suffer from leprosy, and from diseases that bring isolation, stigma, or rejection, especially on this World Leprosy Day - that they may know dignity, compassionate care, and the healing presence of Christ.

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For the work of the St Francis Leprosy Guild, and for all who support its mission – that, through their dedication, those affected by leprosy may receive treatment, hope, and the reassurance that they are not forgotten.

### Lord, in your mercy

For doctors, nurses, missionaries, and all who work with dedication among the sick and marginalised - that their service may be strengthened by patience, courage, and love.

### Lord, in your mercy

For our own community - that we may hear the call of the Gospel afresh, turning away from indifference and learning to recognise Christ in those who are poor, lonely, or overlooked.

### Lord, in your mercy

### All

Hear our prayer

For those who have died, especially those who suffered in body or spirit, that they may be welcomed into the peace of God's kingdom where there is no more pain or sorrow.

### Lord, in your mercy

### Reader

We ask Our Lady to pray for us as we say together

### All

Hail Mary

### Priest

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to proclaim good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. Hear the prayers we make in faith, through Christ our Lord.

### All

Amen

## Prayer of St Francis

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you  
Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness, only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy  
Oh Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul  
Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life  
Oh Master grant that I may never seek  
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St Francis of Assisi, Pray for Us

## The prayer of the SFLG

Lord, we remember the many people around the world affected by leprosy.  
May we follow the example of your Son, Jesus, and St Francis of Assisi, and  
show them love and compassion.  
We pray that they may be freed from the disease and its stigma.  
We give thanks for those who have been cured.  
We remember those who are permanently marked by the disease and all  
who care for them.  
Amen.