## SAMPLE BIDDING PRAYERS

## Priest's Introduction

Brothers and sisters, as we pray for vocations to Holy Orders we present all the needs of our heart before our loving Father.

- For Pope Francis, Archbishop Bernard and all bishops of the Church, who have received the fullness of Holy Orders; may they teach us to follow Jesus in whatever way he calls us. Lord, hear us.
- 2. For our Parish Priest, Father N, (for Father N...) and for all priests; may they have a deep faith and a burning love which will ever increase in their course of their priestly lives.

  Lord, hear us.
- 3. For (Deacon N... and all) the deacons of the Church; may they help people see Jesus through their service to the God's people.

  Lord, hear us.
- 4. For seminarians, men who have listened to God's call, especially (N... and) those training for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Birmingham; may they continue to follow God's plans for them.

  Lord, hear us.
- 5. For ourselves; may we make ourselves open to hearing God's call, whatever it may be, and may we always encourage others in their vocation.

  Lord, hear us.
- 6. For those who are sick, (especially ...); may they feel God's presence and love in their lives.

  Lord, hear us.
- 7. For those who have died, (especially ...); may they be welcomed into God's heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear us.

We ask Mary, Queen of the Clergy, to take our prayers to her Son as we say: **Hail Mary...** 

In silence, we bring our own needs before God.

## Priest's Concluding Prayer

Heavenly Father, you attend to the needs of your people by providing shepherds for your flock. Hear our prayers, and, if they be in accordance with your will, mercifully grant them. Through Christ our Lord.