

THE BIDDING PRAYER FOR MATINS

We are taught in the Holy Scriptures that we should make prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving for all; so we pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church throughout the world;

For the Ministers of God's Holy Word and Sacraments, for *Sentamu* Archbishop of this Province, for *Nick*, our Bishop; and for *Tony*, Bishop of Wakefield. For the Dean and Chapter, the College of Canons, the Cathedral Council and all other members of this Cathedral Church;

For our Sovereign *Lady Queen Elizabeth, Philip*, Duke of Edinburgh, *Charles*, Prince of Wales and all the Royal Family; for the High Court of Parliament, for the Ministers of the Crown, and for all the Judges and Magistrates. For the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, and the West Yorkshire Constabulary. For the Lord Mayor of this loyal city, the Leader of the Wakefield Metropolitan District Council and all civic leaders and councils of this county of Yorkshire.

For all who serve Her Majesty by sea, land and air.

For the sick and injured, and those who minister to them and for all those who work in the caring services.

For all engaged in agriculture, industry, fishery and commerce.

For all Universities, Colleges and Schools, and all who work with our young people.

And because He who was rich became poor we remember in His name the homeless, those who cannot find work and all who feel rejected; for all prisoners and those who are trapped in addiction, debt or desperation.

And for the whole people of this Realm, that all in their various callings may live in charity with one another, remembering always the solemn account which we must one day render before the judgement seat of Christ.

Finally, we praise God for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, and above all for the inestimable love of God in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory; and for all those who are departed this life in the faith of Christ, beseeching him to give us grace so to follow their good example, that with them we may be partakers of his heavenly kingdom.

All these our prayers and praises let us humbly gather up in the words which Our Lord Himself taught us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**