

# St Peter's/St Joseph's Bidding Prayers

4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## **Priest:**

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Let us ask the Father for the gifts we need to recall the heroic generosity of his Son.

## **Reader:**

We pray for those who have contracted the Coronavirus: May the Lord grant them a full recovery. **Lord in your mercy.**

We pray for those who care for the sick: They often put themselves and their families at risk – may the Lord bless their generosity.

**Lord in your mercy.**

We pray those who are thinking of others: May the Lord teach us the joy there is in being a cheerful giver. **Lord in your mercy.**

We pray for our families as we adjust to conditions under lockdown: May every member of the family have genuine care and concern for every other.

**Lord in your mercy.**

We commend to the loving mercy of God those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: May they all rest in the peace of the Lord.

**Lord in your mercy.**

Jesus prayed in the Garden that the cup might pass him by: Like Jesus we pray that the Father's will be done.

***[After a pause]***

**Lord in your mercy.**

Mary was there with her Son at the foot of the cross: We ask her to intercede with her Son that our prayers be heard.

**Hail Mary....**

## **Priest:**

We have made our prayers, trusting in God's goodness. We present them to our Saviour, Jesus, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**