**Bidding Prayers 4th Sunday 2020**

 - CELEBRANT: Lord, help us to live by your son’s example. Help us to draw closer to Jesus Christ through thoughtful prayer. We place all our trust, hope and faith in you. Hear our prayers.

- READER: Let us pray for Pope Francis as he reminds us that a Christian life is not made up of dreams or beautiful aspirations, but of concrete actions, the capacity to open ourselves to God's will and to love our brothers and sisters.

- CELEBRANT: Lord hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

- READER: On the Feast day of St. Francis of Assisi let us pray to be better Christians. Like St Francis, let us get closer to the human Jesus and live our lives through kindness.

 - CELEBRANT: Lord hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

- READER: As the world's coronavirus death toll crosses one million let us pray for all those that have departed and are now seated in the Kingdom of Heaven. May they enjoy eternal peace. We pray for their families and loved ones.

 - CELEBRANT: Lord hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

* READER: We pray for the housebound in our communities, the lonely, the unloved. Let us show our love and care for them in whatever way we have available to us.

 - CELEBRANT: Lord hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

* READER: Let us pray for NHS workers. As hospitals and GP surgeries struggle to cope with new admissions and the backlog of appointments we pray that health workers will be restored and renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

 - CELEBRANT: Lord hear us. *Lord graciously hear us*

- READER: Let us turn to Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, asking her to join our prayers with hers as we say: *Hail Mary…*

- READER: We pray in silence to our heavenly Father for our own private intentions.

- CELEBRANT: Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*

 - CELEBRANT: Heavenly Father, cast your loving light upon us that we may bask in your great glory. Walk beside us as we place you above all else. Amen.