**Bidding Prayers for Holy Thursday on 1st April 2021**

**Father** Through washing the feet of his friends, Christ taught us to love one another. Let us now pray to our heavenly Father, in the hope that we can live out that command of love.

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Father** We pray for Pope Francis, his cardinals, bishops, priests and deacons, that they may be propelled by Christ’s commandment of love and service, in all their vocations.

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Father** Let us pray for our church community, families and friends, that we may be ready to help and support one another, when the need arises.

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Father** We pray for the world we inhabit; for those who lead and take important decisions, and for those who follow or are coerced, or who have no voice. May we always live with hope, in our hearts and minds, and pray for mercy, justice, compassion and integrity.

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Father** We remember those who have died, their families and friends.

We also pray for the sick, at home or in hospital, especially those affected by the Corona Virus. May God heal them, giving them the strength to live good, happy and healthy lives.

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Father** Let us pray for our own intentions.

**Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.**

**Father** We pray to our Mother Mary as we say, Hail Mary . . .

**Father** Father, your Son commanded us to love one another. Help us to be faithful to that command, and to dedicate ourselves to living good, loving lives of service to others. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.