**Bidding Prayers for the Fourth Sunday of Easter - Sunday 24/25 April 2021**

**Father:** **We turn to God and ask for his love and compassion, as we pause and find a moment of peace, lifting our hearts and minds together in prayer.**

**Reader We pray for his holiness Pop Francis, his cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and all following the religious life. Give them the continuing strength, they need, to bring God into our daily lives.**

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

**Reader: Let us pray for the ability to help those around us who are more vulnerable than ourselves, especially those awaiting delayed, but necessary on-going medical treatment, owing to the current, Corona Virus situation, within our hospitals at the moment.**

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

**Reader: We pray for those who risk their lives, fighting for fundamental rights, under dictators or authoritarian regimes. May they be strong in their resolve in making a difference to the futures of those they choose to support and protect.**

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

**Reader: We pray for those with serious mental health issues. May they be guided professionally, towards feasible goals, thus enabling them to lead more positive lives.**

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

**Reader: Let us now pray for our own intentions.**

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

**Reader: We pray to our Mother Mary as we say Hail Mary full of grace -**

**Father: God our Father, help us to live lives of hope and compassion, and love one another as you have loved us.**