

BIDDING PRAYERS: W/ENDING 4th/5th May 2024

Celebrant:

1. We pray for the church, international, national and local. We ask for the strength to follow the teachings of Christ that he has left for us: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless, love our neighbour and live in peace. **Lord, in your mercy...**

2. We pray for all those who are driven from their homes by war, hunger, famine or persecution. We remember all those who have died in the search for a better life, and those who mourn for them. May we do all we can to help and support those who are in such desperate need. **Lord, in your mercy....**

3. We pray for all those in authority in the church, our national governments, the police and local councils. May they all use their powers and influence for the greater good by following the teachings of Christ. **Lord, in your mercy....**

4. We pray for all our young people, especially those who are reaching a turning point in their lives and need to make choices and decisions about new directions. May they be supported and guided by their families, schools, colleges and the wider community into a life based on Christian principles and respect for all those around them.

Lord, in your mercy....

Let us take a few moments to add our own personal needs and petitions....

We now ask our Lady to present our needs to her son as we say "**Hail, Mary...**"

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