

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

18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020

**Priest:**

Today we come to the end of the Easter Octave – a time of great rejoicing. We pray for the grace to live the resurrection of Jesus every day of our lives.

**Reader:**

We pray for our pope, Pope Francis, our bishop and all the other leaders of the church: May they help us all grow closer to Jesus in a fast changing world.

**Lord in your mercy.**

We pray for those in care homes and for those who look after them: Some miss visits from loved ones. May they receive the very best of care.

**Lord in your mercy.**

We pray those in self-isolation: May the fear of loneliness be transformed into an embracing of the Lord and the comfort he brings.

**Lord in your mercy.**

We pray for those who find it hard to forgive: On this Divine Mercy Sunday may we all find it within our hearts to pardon those who have hurt us.

**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.**

When Thomas met the risen Lord Jesus and was able to touch him he prayed "My Lord and my God". Let's make that prayer too in the secret of our hearts.

***[After a pause]***

**Lord in your mercy.**

Mary was overjoyed to see her son again after the resurrection: 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 the risen Lord Jesus, for he lives now and forever.

**Amen.**