

## 4th SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

### Bidding Prayers

**Presider:** Reader: Let us pray to the Lord.  
**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

As children of the light,  
let us pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

#### **Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 For those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter, for the children preparing for First Communion, and the young people signing up for Confirmation. May they come closer to Christ who calls them and welcomes them. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 2 For the millions of innocent people trapped in wars not of their making, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan. May the light of Christ pierce the blindness of those who choose the futility of war. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 3 For mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers and those who have been like a mother to us. Let's pray too for mothers separated from their children, for those who want to be a mother but are unable to have children, and for anyone who will be missing their mum this weekend. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 4 For those who have died, especially Sheila Cryer, Gerald Griffin and Allan Lunt. May they dwell in the Lord's own house for ever. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions and for those we are remembering in our prayers this weekend, especially Gilbert Cox, Olive Elizabeth Swift and all the people of this parish community.  
*(Pause for silent prayer)*  
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all: **"Hail Mary..."**

**Presider:** Lord,  
shine your light upon us – and through us too:  
to light up every sorry place, every wonderful face,  
and everything in need of your grace.  
Through Christ our Lord.