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##### *Parishes of Hope*

*Celebrating, consolidating and securing the Mission of the Church in Doncaster Deanery; - an opportunity to deepen the faith of our Parish communities in changing times*

***“Gratitude for the past, enthusiasm for the present, hope for the future” (John Paul ll)***

##### *Writing and Reading the Bidding Prayers*

##### *Diocese of Hallam*

##### *Doncaster Deanery (St Charles Borromeo)*

***Dean: Rev Augustine O’Reilly V.F.***

*Our Lady of Sorrows & St Francis, Armthorpe; Blessed English Martyrs, Askern; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Bentley; St Alban’s, Denaby Main; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Intake; Sacred Heart, Balby; St Paul’s, Cantley; St Peter in Chains, Doncaster: St Mary’s, Edlington; English Martyrs, Mexborough; St Joseph & St Nicholas, Moorends; Christ the King, Rossington; Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth; St Joseph & St Teresa, Woodlands.*

##### *How to write and read the Bidding Prayers*

##### USUAL SEQUENCE

Normally the pattern is set as follows:-

1. Introduction by the priest, deacon or lay leader and invitation to pray
2. The intentions - each should include or be followed by a short period of silence, so that the congregation can pray, and a response (e.g. Lord hear us or Lord in your mercy)
3. It is customary to close with an invocation to Our Lady
4. Final prayer by the priest, deacon or lay leader

##### POINTS TO REMEMBER

1. The intentions are invitations to prayer and should not be prayers in themselves. The leader addresses the intention to the people, bidding them to pray
2. Each intention should be short and easy for people to take in, (not more than two short sentences if possible)
3. As we are bidding people to pray, each intention should include a brief silent pause or be followed by a brief silence to enable them to do so
4. If you can include an intention or structure your bidding prayers around the ‘theme’ of the Mass, so much the better
5. Try to include local concerns but in “general” terms so that people can make their own prayers and not have to join in yours!!
6. Redemptorist Publications offer weekly examples of bidding prayers on their website but beware, they are often not suitable. Beware too of books of bidding prayers

**EXAMPLES OF BIDDING PRAYERS:**

*On this Peace Sunday, we pray for peace throughout the world (PAUSE to enable people to pray).*

*Lord in your mercy – Hear our Prayer*

*For all who have died and especially for xxxxxxxxxx who died this week and those whose anniversaries occur about now (PAUSE to enable people to pray)*

*Eternal rest…………*

*We pray with Mary for all our prayers, spoken and unspoken (PAUSE)*

*Hail Mary………………*

##### FINALLY

Be clear

Be short

Be relevant

Be part of a rota if at all possible, both to write them and to read them

*By this prayer in which the people are to take part, intercession will be made for the Holy Church, for the civil authorities, for those oppressed by various needs, for all mankind and for the salvation of the entire world.”*

*(Vatican II - Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)*