

## INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

**PRIEST:** United in the faith we have professed we turn to the Lord with all our needs.

**READER:** We pray for the Church throughout the world that Christian communities, gathered at the Lord's Table, may be seen as a people called by God out of every nation, ethnicity and tradition, to be a light to the world. We pray for this congregation that we may truly become disciples of Christ as we worship together in this Mass. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

In God's infinite love we have each been called to repent and return to God in whole hearted faith. We pray that, as we gather in this Eucharist, we may help each other to grow in our understanding of God's call. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the world's leaders and diplomats that all nations may work together with justice, integrity and genuine care for their people. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for all who have suffered so much through the human caused disasters, living in dark despair and the shadow of death. May the displaced, injured and helpless, find the light and help they need. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

Let us remember those who do not have enough to eat, the homeless and destitute. We pray that our society respond with love and compassion and real help for all who are in need. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are sick and for all who are in hospital and all who care for them, may they be given the means, love and support they need. **Lord in your Mercy; Hear our Prayer.**

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us. **Hail Mary ...**

In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for our own families and friends.

**PRIEST:** Almighty and ever-living God,  
we give thanks for the wonderful mercy that you offer us.  
Help us to accept it and be ready share it with all who are in need;  
we ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**