

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT A

PRIEST: The Spirit of the Lord has given us confidence in the Father's love for us, let us rejoice and pray for strength and courage to respond to that Love and turn to him with faith.

Reader: As we prepare for the Passion of the Lord, may our hearts be filled with integrity and repentance. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

As disciples of Christ and reborn in the waters of Baptism may our lives be a sign of true worship. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

We pray that our thirst for justice and righteousness may be quenched with the living water only Jesus can give.

Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

We pray for the victims of war and violence and especially for those who are responsible, that they may be given a change of heart and courage to end all violent conflicts.

Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

We pray especially for those, who are enslaved and unjustly deprived of liberty and freedom. May we work for justice and salvation in our world.

Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

We pray for those afraid and in despair over how they are to live without employment or income, teach us how to come to the aid of the poorest in our society. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

We remember especially the sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound, those of our own families wherever they may be. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have recently died... and for all our dead... and for all who mourn that they may be comforted. **Lord in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

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

Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions.

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-living God grant that we may see ourselves and Christ sees us, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate his Passion Death and resurrection in true righteousness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN