

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - The Third Sunday in Lent (A)

March 12, 2023

Intercessor To all who come to the well, God gives living water. As we make our journey to the paschal feast, let us pray for all who thirst for God's holy presence, saying, *Hear our prayer.*

For the Church: remembering especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that we may be the rock of God, providing the waters of life to all who thirst, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that we may be an oasis of compassion in a world thirsting for love, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For leaders and decision makers throughout the world, that they may strive for peaceful solutions in the midst of complex problems, and bring forth new fruits of peace and justice, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For an end to violence, that God will end the bloodshed in Ukraine, on our city streets, in schools and families, and turn hearts toward forgiveness and compassion, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For a deepening of prayer in our lives, that we may find ways to make room for God, and, like the woman at the well, ask for help in changing our direction, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For all who thirst every day, particularly refugees, the victims of natural disasters, drought and war, remembering also those commended to our prayers,, that in Christ they may find new strength, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For all those who have died, remembering especially,, that they may be raised up from death to eternal joy with Christ, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer, Saint Thomas the Apostle, our Patron, Patrick of Ireland and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Presider Blessed are you, God of water, light, and life. Receive the prayers we offer this day and grant that we may share in Christ's work of reconciliation. May we give to others the living water of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

THE PRAYER LIST FOR THIS WEEK

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Alexa, all Victims of Violence, Amy, Amulya, Ann, Annya, Arlene, Barbara, Bev's cousin, Bill, Bill B., Bill and Cathy, Bert, Carolyn, Clare, Ellie, Elizabeth, Evelyn's family, Frank, George, Jamie, Jean, Jim, John, Kathy, Lisa, Liz, Maddie, Marcia, Mark, Martin, Michael, Mike, Paula, Payton, Renee, Ron, Sam, Stephanie, TeAnn, and the People of Ukraine.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*