

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**CYCLE B**  
**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** The commands of the Lord are clear, but his mercy is great. Let us pray to our Father, trusting in his wisdom.

Our response is: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. That the Catholic Church, through our leaders Pope Francis and Bishop Paul, may guide her members in the paths of goodness, and bring them closer to God's love. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That we may learn to turn away from sin with all our hearts, remaining obedient to God's law. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That those who do not believe may yet hear the Word of God and be brought to eternal salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That, during this holy season, we may recognise the crucified Christ as "the power and wisdom of God." Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That the faithful departed may enjoy eternal life through the crucified and risen Lord. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Almighty Father, in wisdom you have revealed your law; in mercy you give us grace to fulfill it. Hear the petitions of the people gathered in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.