

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - CYCLE A**  
**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** The wisdom of the scriptures reveals God's plan for us. As we journey with Christ, let us pray that his path of life may become clearer each day.

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

1. For the pastors of the Catholic Church, especially for our Holy Father Pope Francis and our Bishop Paul, that they may continue to nourish us with God's word from the scriptures, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. For the nations of our world, that the good news of Christ the risen Lord may inspire all to bring justice and equality, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. For those suffering in the darkness of error and despair; that the scriptures may be explained to them as light and truth, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. For the congregation God has gathered at this altar, that each one of us may recognize the real presence of the risen Lord in the Eucharistic "breaking of bread," let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. For the dead, that they may rise to the fullness of joy in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** God, our Father, our hearts burn within us as we listen to your only-begotten Son; accept the prayers of pilgrims on his path of life. We ask this, through Christ our Lord.

Response: *Amen*