

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**CYCLE C**  
**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** God is kind and merciful. He hears the pleas of his people, and brings them to the promised land. Let us place our needs before him.

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

1. That our Holy Father, Pope Francis, may inspire us all to a more fervent devotion to Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That we may always be reverent in the presence of God, as was Moses before the burning bush. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That we may take practical steps to help the poor and starving have a more equal share in this world's goods. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That our community may bear the fruit of prayer and penance and not deserve God's just judgment. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That our dead may be purified in the mercy and compassion of God. Let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Loving Father, receive the prayers of a penitent people, who come before you in humility and faith. We ask this, through Christ our Lord.

Response: *Amen.*