

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### CYCLE B

#### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Celebrant:** John the Baptist came as a witness to speak for the light, a voice crying in the wilderness. As we prepare for the coming of that light, we ask the Father to hear our prayers.

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

1. That each member of the Church on earth may be watchful and ready for Christ's coming, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

2. That the leaders of nations may grant liberty to people who have been unjustly imprisoned, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

3. That we may hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

4. That all who are in need may find suitable employment, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

5. That those who have died may rest in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Almighty Father, your mercy is from age to age; you fill the starving with good things. Thus encouraged, we pray in confidence, through Christ our Lord.

Response: *Amen*