

Season of Lent : Sunday 3B

General Intercessions

Priest

God's weakness is stronger than our human strength.
We place ourselves before the throne of God's grace,
and pray for the Church and the world.

Reader

1. For Pope Francis, and all bishops, priests, deacons and religious:
that during Lent they may help to lead us with care
through this time of preparation and renewal, to the joy of Easter.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For our brothers and sisters around the world
who are living in areas marred by war and disaster, famine, and disease:
that their lives will be changed from daily despair
to times of hope and promise of a safer future.
3. For world leaders:
that they may be prompted by the wisdom of God
to turn to the power of words instead of weapons to resolve their differences.
4. For the sick and infirm, in mind and body:
that they will feel God's love and support very close to them,
especially through those who care for them.
5. For all our parishioners;
that the cross of Christ will light our way,
and fill our hearts with courage and hope.
6. For all who have died, especially in our own families
and who are close to our hearts.
7. Let us ask our Mother Mary to join with us in our prayers:

Priest

O God, source of all mercy and goodness,
in almsgiving, fasting, and prayer
you have shown us a remedy for sin.
Listen with love as we confess our weakness,
and, when we are bowed down by the knowledge of our guilt,
lift up our hearts with the assurance of your mercy.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.