

UNIVERSAL PRAYER – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

CELEBRANT: As the Father's children, weak and sinful though we are, let us have confidence in His compassion and love for us and place our needs before Him.

1. For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he continues his historic mission to Iraq, that his presence will give new heart to Iraqi Christians and bring about a new spirit of tolerance and co-operation in those of other faiths: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
2. For the economists and decision-makers in our government, that their newly announced plans for the nation will bring hope to those living in poverty and signal a renewed commitment by all citizens to work for the common good: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
3. For all who are playing their part in the fight against the coronavirus – scientists, medical staff, vaccinators and manufacturers – that they will be given the strength and the health to continue their work and be richly rewarded for their commitment: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
4. For the teachers in our schools and for the children returning to school this week, that all will be kept safe and will enjoy this new opportunity to learn, to share and to spend time together again: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
5. For the people of Myanmar, that their protests and the influence of the major powers will lead to an end to the military oppression and allow a return to a life lived in freedom for all its peoples: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer
6. For our parish community, that, just as Jesus found that the Temple in Jerusalem had become corrupt and was no longer a house of prayer, may we all be constantly aware of the need for purification in the Church, in the world and in our own lives: we pray to the Lord. (Pause)
Lord, in your mercy . . . Hear our prayer

Let us ask the help of Mary, obedient to the Law in all things: Hail Mary . . .

In silence, let us make our own petitions to the Father.

CELEBRANT: God our Father, source of all that is good, grant us the vision to see the reward you offer to those who follow your Law, and the grace to do Your Will. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.