**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, let us bring our needs to God in prayer:

1. For Pope Francis, that he may be blessed with the gifts of integrity, courage and humility as he feeds the flock the Lord has entrusted to his care. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For peace especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine. May those engaged in war and conflict recognise the wounds they inflict on others. May the presence of Christ among his people bring lasting peace. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For the grace of repentance: help us to find the courage to receive the Lord’s peace through the Sacrament of Penance, so that ‘*God’s love comes to perfection*’ in us. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all who feel distant from the presence of God, that they may encounter him anew through the witness of the Church. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For children preparing to receive Eucharist for the first time. May their enthusiasm for God never wane throughout their lives, and may they always recognise Jesus in the breaking of bread. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who are sick, especially those confined to hospital and those undergoing treatment for cancer. Ease the effect of their treatment. Strengthen them in times of fear, frustration, anger, or hopelessness. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For the dead: that God may give eternal rest and joy to all whom he has called from this life. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Loving Father, as we present our prayers, draw us to Christ your Son and guide us always along the paths of hope, justice, and life.

We as this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.