**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** God of wisdom and light, your Word guides our lives. In the fullness of that light, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. For Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year, may God’s grace reawaken in us the yearning to sow the seeds of the Gospel. **Lord, hear us.**
2. As God revealed himself to Moses in the ‘*bush blazing*’ as ‘*I Am who I Am*’, help us to recognise the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For the grace of inter-religious dialogue: may the religions of ‘*Abraham’*, ‘*Isaac’* and ‘*Jacob’* work together as people of compassion and understanding, creating a path to a peaceful coexistence among all people. **Lord, hear us.**
4. Trusting in God who is ‘*slow to anger and rich in mercy’*, may this Lenten season be one of personal conversion and repentance. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For the times we ‘*complain’*. Help us always to look for reasons to praise and compliment, to be grateful for the blessings we have, and to be patient with the shortcomings of others. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For peace in our world: guide us away from words and acts of hatred, division and discrimination so that the seeds of peace ‘*may bear fruit’* in the troubled parts of the world. **Lord, hear us.**
7. Lead back to your friendship and truth all who have gone astray. Through the grace of your Holy Spirit, teach us how to support and encourage them in the faith. **Lord, hear us.**
8. Be merciful to your faithful people whom you have called to yourself in death; grant them the gift of eternal happiness. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Lord God, in charity, fasting and prayer, you have shown us a remedy for sin. Lift up our hearts with the assurance of your mercy. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**