

Third Sunday of Easter Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant:

God Our Father, listen now to the prayerful requests of your assembled people living in the hope that Easter brings.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all called to a ministry of service in the Church; that Christ may be at the heart of their preaching, pastoral care, and spiritual leadership. **Lord, hear us.**

2. As the Lord Jesus listened to the two disciples and allowed them to tell their story: we pray that we may listen attentively to others, allowing them to tell their story so we may support them through the challenges of life. **Lord, hear us.**

3. As the disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, may we also be transformed by the experience of receiving Christ in His fullness. **Lord, hear us.**

4. As we continue on our own journey, may we have good friends and companions to accompany us, offering us their wisdom, support and guidance. **Lord, hear us.**

5. We pray for those left to journey alone in life; may good people come into their lives out of a Christ-like desire to attend to the broken hearted and help set the down-trodden free. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For all our deceased, and for those carrying the pain of grief and loss. May the Lord, risen from the Dead, comfort and console them with assurances of life forever. **Lord, hear us.**

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Heavenly Father, lend a listening ear to the heartfelt prayers of your people. Bless us with the joy and hope of Easter so as to give witness to the fullness of the Gospel.