

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

### Prayers of the Faithful

#### **Celebrant:**

Let us now turn to God, imploring his mercy, that he may look on our prayers with eternal love and unending compassion.

1. For the Church; as the Israelites were nourished with manna from heaven, may we gather in communion around the eucharistic table where we receive Jesus, the Bread of Life. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for all who have left their families, homes and communities for a foreign land; we pray for the Ukrainian people that in the fullness of time they may return to their homeland in safety and peace. **Lord, hear us.**
3. As St. Paul encourages us to '*be reconciled to God*', we pray for a deeper awareness of our need of God's forgiveness and the ability to trust in his merciful love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray for those who hunger for their daily bread despite dwindling resources. Give us willing and generous hearts to share what we have with those most in need. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. May those who are called to ministry in the service of the Gospel respond with generosity, humility, and faithfulness. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all those preparing to receive the sacraments and for those who walk alongside them as catechists, sponsors and Godparents, that they may always recognise, and be open to, God's grace and love. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For families divided by disagreement, resentment and conflict. Remove bitterness caused by past wounds, relieve them from fear and anxiety, and accompany them on the path of healing and forgiveness. **Lord, hear us.**
  
8. As the father welcomed the return of his prodigal son, may we too experience the Father's love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Lord, hear us.**
  
9. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, may the holy people of God be cleansed of their sins and found worthy to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. **Lord, hear us.**
  
10. For those in distress in mind, body or spirit; may the Lord be their '*refuge*' and '*strength*' and rescue them in time of need. **Lord, hear us.**
  
11. For all who have died, may they be welcomed into the radiant light of God's presence. **Lord, hear us.**

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God of mercy, you await the return of your children with open arms. Forgive our failings through the constancy of your love and the generosity of your mercy. We may our prayers through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**