

24 January 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: “Repent and believe the good news.” We have heard the Word of God proclaimed to us. Nourished by his Word broken for us we turn to our God for what we need in the Church and in the community.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Anthony, all bishops, priests and religious. May they never tire of calling God’s people to repentance and to believe in the Good News. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. For the gift of repentance. The people of Nineveh responded to the preaching of Jonah, turning from their sins and choosing the way of the Lord. May we too be conscious of the power of sin in our lives and refuse to be controlled by it. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. For an appreciation of what is of value in life. Paul reminds us about the transient nature of our lives and urges us to conversion because the world as we know it is passing away. May we learn to appreciate what is of lasting value in life and lead lives that are acceptable to God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. For a desire to follow Christ. Like the first disciples, may we be open to the call of Christ, eager to be his followers. By the witness of our lives may others come to know the purpose of God. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. Grant patience, healing and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: Fr Janusz Bieniek, Babu Poulouse, Bob Cashman, Joseph Park. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
6. Let us pray for the souls of our recently departed relatives and friends: Roberto Barroga, Fr Isidore Anantharaj, Archbishop Philip Wilson, Paul Lam, Josephine Biviano, Alberta Magbanua.

Let us pray for the souls of those whose death anniversary occurs about now: Joseph Dosen, Martin McGrath. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Priest: Father, hear the prayers of your people. Do not look on our sinful ways, but show us your gentle mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.