

12 March 2023
Third Sunday of Lent Year A
Prayer of the Faithful

Priest: God gives us living water welling up to eternal life. Like the Samaritan woman, may we be witnesses to those around us by fulfilling God's will in our lives.

1. Let us pray for Pope Francis, our bishop Anthony, all bishops, priests and religious. May they lead us to worship in Spirit and Truth so that we may all be brought to the knowledge that it is we who are the Temple of God and the dwelling place of Christ. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
2. Jesus Christ stands at the door and knocks. May we open the doors of our hearts and allow him to reign within so that we can joyfully proclaim that he is truly the Saviour of the world. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
3. Let us pray for the community of St Michael's. May we prepare for Easter in the best possible way: by availing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, transforming our lives and then becoming instruments of salvation for our neighbours, friends and family. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
4. Let us pray for the Elect of our parish. May they continue to ponder the Gospel in their hearts and beg the Holy Spirit to teach them to know the things of God and how to please him. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
5. Let us pray for those in the health profession especially those who are working in difficult and uncertain circumstances. May they be granted courage and perseverance to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the healer. (Pause) Lord, hear us
6. Grant patience, healing and comfort to those who are sick and suffering: Fred Perera, Darrell Boesen, Bob Sakr, Minh, Lien, James Carrington. (Pause) Lord, hear us.
7. Grant eternal rest to our recently departed relatives and friends: Roberto Barroga, Kathleen Allabyrne, Martin Avendano, Warren Saunders, Rafael Gonzaga, Luciano Barroga, Peter, Helen Lau, Jim Kok.

Let us pray for those whose death anniversary occurs about now especially Jim Nickopoulos, Stephen Dack, Alan Ferguson, Edward Mendes, Anne Boesen.

Pray also for the Poor Souls in Purgatory especially those who have no one to pray for them. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

Priest: Most loving Father, through Jesus we have entered the life of Grace and your Spirit has been poured into our hearts. Receive the prayers we offer in faith, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.