

**General Intercessions**  
Third Sunday of Lent (C)

**Celebrant:**

As we continue our Lenten journey, we present our needs to our loving Father.

**Reader:**

That Pope Francis may receive the care that he needs and experience the support of our prayers,

*Lord, hear us ...*

That our bishops and all who teach God's word may proclaim the need for both repentance and continuing conversion of heart:

*Lord, hear us ...*

For all who are experiencing violence and affliction, particularly in Gaza and Ukraine: that their sufferings may be relieved and peace restored.

*Lord, hear us ...*

That, throughout the world, those preparing to be received into the Church at Easter may be blessed with a deepening understanding of God's Word,

*Lord, hear us ...*

That those who are sick or suffering may be strengthened by the love of family and friends and the prayers of the Christian community:

*Lord, hear us ...*

That all who have died may be purified of sin and welcomed to the glory of heaven:

*Lord, hear us ...*

**Celebrant:**

Let us seek the help of the Handmaid of the Lord, as we say, *Hail, Mary...*

Father, as you hear our prayers, bless us with the gift of repentance. May our lives bear the fruit of holiness. Through Christ our Lord.