

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 26TH, 2020



Presider: Let us now bring our prayers and petitions to our loving and forgiving Lord.

Lector: For the church: that the freedom brought by the resurrection may enable us to live with purpose and help others to forsake the fruitless pursuits of power, fame, and wealth.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all in our St. Joseph community: that the Holy Spirit may guide our daily journeys and enable us to ease fear, to bring hope, and to offer encouragement to those in our lives.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For a deepening of our love and hunger for the Word of God: that through reading and praying the scriptures, our hearts may be set on fire, and our commitment to God grow.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who are awaiting the sacraments: that God may sustain them, help them to deepen their commitment, and grow in their desire to serve Him each day.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our human family: that God may liberate us from the coronavirus pandemic, help us to grow in our awareness of others' needs, and build trust and cooperation among all people.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all healthcare workers and first responders: that God may renew their strength, guide them in their work, and protect them and their families from harm.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who are ill, particularly those with Covid-19: that God's healing love may relieve their pain, strengthen their minds and bodies, and restore them to full health.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who are unemployed and underemployed: that God may help them to find the resources that they need and open new opportunities for them to use their gifts

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: For all who have died: that our Risen Lord may welcome them into His eternal Kingdom.

We pray to the Lord. **R/. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: We remember in a special way the repose of the souls of our St. Joseph Parishioners, their families, and friends.

Presider: We remember especially the Intentions of the People of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Parish Prayer

Oh Lord, You are the Potter, we are the clay. Design us to reflect Your glory as we rebuild Your church. Fashion our ears to hear new ideas. Shape our hearts to appreciate other's creativity and insight. Form our eyes to see Jesus in each other. Mold our community to be united in our pilgrimage. Help us build a place of refuge, a holy temple, with Jesus as the cornerstone. May we work together with love and care, ever mindful that the spirit, not the structure, is the essence of the design. May we come together as a family of one, to be guided by the Father, Holy Spirit, and Son. Amen.