

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, B 03/21-22/09**

*When the Second Scrutiny is observed, see R.C.I.A., No. 167 ff.*

**Priest Celebrant**

God our Father, who is rich in mercy, again summons us  
to seek the riches of grace in Christ Jesus:

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader**

*An alternate response is offered for Lent, in which the assembly repeats "Lord (Christ), have mercy" after the deacon/cantor/reader. The petitions can, of course, conclude with the more familiar "For this we pray:" "Lord, hear our prayer."*

For the elect called to Easter initiation  
and everyone preparing for Reconciliation,  
Confirmation, First Communion,  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the renewal of our baptismal commitment this Lent  
through the Sacrament of Reconciliation,  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For the unity of Christians; for religious tolerance;  
for conversion from bigotry, racism, prejudice,  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For elected officials and all public servants;  
for the leaders of nations and their peoples,  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For the protection of human life and earth's resources;  
for the just sharing of God's material and spiritual gifts;  
for employment and the safeguarding of homes,  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For peace in Iraq; for an end to terrorism and civil war;  
for the swift return of military personnel and the safety of civilians,  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For the sick [today especially \_\_\_\_\_ ],  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For \_\_\_\_\_ , and all]  
our deceased:  
We pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

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Father,  
who have made us your handiwork in Christ Jesus,  
guide us in the good works you entrust to us,  
to live with you, now and for ever.