

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, A

When the Third Scrutiny is observed, see R.C.I.A., No. 174 ff.

Priest Celebrant Cry out to the Lord,
who is attentive to our pleading:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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

Raise your Church in the Spirit, Lord,
in witness to your saving Death and Resurrection.
Lord, have mercy:

Bring the elect to your saving waters of death and resurrection.
Anoint them with your Spirit, to feast at your table.
Christ, have mercy:

Complete the initiation of candidates for Full Communion
and of our young who prepare for Confirmation and Holy Communion.
Lord, have mercy:

Unite all believers at your one table.
Christ, have mercy:

Keep world leaders focused on peace in the Near and Mid-east,
in north Africa, and every distressed part of the world.
Lord, have mercy:

Convert hearts that would abuse any human being.
Sustain servants of the sick and dying; of the homeless, the refugee;
of the addicted, the imprisoned.
Christ, have mercy:

Lift up our brothers and sisters who suffer in body, mind, or spirit
[today in particular _____].
Lord, have mercy:

Raise up [_____ and]
everyone who has died recently.
Christ, have mercy:

Priest Celebrant O Lord, forgive our sins and redeem us from iniquity.
In you we trust, now and for ever.