

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, A

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

**Priest Celebrant** As children of light.  
let us pray to produce every kind of goodness,  
righteousness, and truth:

### **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 "let us pray to the Lord:" Lord, hear our prayer."*

For the Church and her shepherds;  
for the fruitful proclamation of Christ slain and risen,  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the elect;  
for their illumination and purification  
throughout this Lent and their entire lives,  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For our brothers and sisters preparing for Full Communion;  
for candidates for Confirmation and Holy Eucharist,  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For civil leaders and public servants dedicated to truth;  
for honesty between employees and employers,  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For peace in the Holy Land and all the Near and Mid-East;  
for the safety of civilians and of military personnel,  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the blind and whoever suffers from declining vision,  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For [ and]  
whoever bears Jesus' suffering in body, mind, spirit;  
for the healing of our brothers and sisters  
who have been abused sexually, mentally, physically,  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For everyone who has died this past week  
[in particular: 1,  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

**Priest Celebrant** Awaken us, Lord, in the light of Christ.  
Save us from fruitless works of darkness,  
to live as children of light, now and for ever.