

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, A

When the First Scrutiny is observed, see R.C.I.A., No.153 ff.

Priest Celebrant Let us bow in worship to our God,
who shepherds and guides his flock:

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 our Holy Father and his brother bishops, priests, deacons;
for all the people of Christ,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For everyone who serves the cause of Christian unity
and of religious tolerance,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For the elect called to rebirth in the coming Easter sacraments;
for candidates for Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance,
Matrimony, or Holy Orders,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For our president and governor, legislators, judges, and public servants,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For just government in the Near and Mid-East, and in north Africa;
for civilians and the military; for the war dead and their survivors,
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For servants of the sick and injured, the addicted, the imprisoned;
for our sisters and brothers abused in body, mind, or spirit;
for the conversion of any heart enslaved to the culture of death,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For our sick, [especially _____],
we pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For [_____ and]
whoever has died recently,
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

Priest Celebrant Into our hearts, Father, pour the love of the Holy Spirit,
the love your Son gained on the Cross for us sinners,
to live with you for ever and ever.