

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, B 03/14-15/09**

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

**Priest Celebrant**

In Christ, the Wisdom and Power of God,  
we lift our hearts to the Father,  
whose weakness surpasses all human strength:

**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 familiar "For this we pray:" "Lord, hear our prayer."*

Father, purify Your Church of worldly pursuits.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Bring everyone preparing for the Easter sacraments  
to the temple of Christ's Body.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Write your commandments on our leaders' hearts,  
to protect the innocent and promote the common good.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Bestow your mercy on our country and Iraq, the Mid-East and  
Central Asia, and wherever anger and fear prevail.  
Reunite our brothers and sisters in the military with their families.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Heal racism and religious intolerance.  
Open our eyes and minds to your gifts, our hands to share them.  
Reward the prayers and efforts of the unemployed.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Sustain parents in forming children in your precepts.  
Nurture love for your commandments within us.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Overshadow our sick with your own strength:

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**Lord, have mercy:**

Reveal the Risen Christ to [ ]  
the victims of war and violence, and all our dead.

**Christ, have mercy:**

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Let your mercy be on us, Father,  
now and for ever.