

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, C

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

**Priest Celebrant** Look to the Lord, who is merciful and gracious:

**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.”*

Enliven Your Church, Father, to proclaim you, the All-Holy One, the Son you have sent, and the Spirit of your abiding love.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Open our eyes, minds, hearts, and wills to the holiness of creation and of every human being you have redeemed.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Guide governments to work for your blessings of employment and housing, education and healthcare.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Rescue civilians and the military from the horrors of war in Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Sudan, and every agonized land.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Strengthen us to bear the Cross with our brothers and sisters who suffer natural disasters, violence, terrorism.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Sustain the imprisoned – especially the falsely accused – the addicted, their families, and those who serve them.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Heal the sick  
[today in particular:

**Lord, have mercy:**

Redeem the life of [ , and of]  
all our recent deceased.

**Christ, have mercy:**

**Priest Celebrant** Father, make known to us your ways, through Christ our Lord.