



## Intercessions for Third Sunday of Lent Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

As God has called us, so we have come to pray.

We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, with all its collected gifts and weaknesses; give us the grace to recognise that in your Spirit we are one, and curb in us all tendency to division.

We pray for the world in all its beauty and richness; give us the desire to share our planet's food and resources, to care for its people's wellbeing, and to foster peace and justice for all.

We pray for those we love – those we see each day and those we miss; help us to cherish one another as we live the loving way of your commands.

We pray for all victims of selfish or violent acts, and for those whose lives are trapped in sin. We pray for all whose bodies and minds have difficulty functioning. Make us more sensitive to their needs.

We pray for those who have died and for those who miss their physical presence. Have mercy on them; may they, and we in our turn, rest in the peace of your enfolding.

We give you thanks for the loving example of Jesus, who was obedient even to death and strengthens us in all goodness.

Lord of the Church,

**hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever. Amen.**