

Third Sunday of Easter (15 April 2018)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for all Christians, their communities of faith, and those preparing for sacraments this Easter season; may we be clear and credible witnesses to the resurrection through our love and mercy toward all ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for our civic and religious leaders; for those entrusted with the care of the poor and most vulnerable; for legislators, law enforcement, the military, first responders, and providers of essential services ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for our country, especially in places where there is internal strife and mistrust; for those unwilling to place the good of their neighbor ahead of their own; and for the healing of our many divisions ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who are severely troubled by life's challenges; for those who struggle to accept change; and for those too wounded to forgive, especially within and among their own families and loved ones ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for those who work to eliminate poverty, hunger, crime, prejudice, and other forms of injustice; for the peace that the Lord's gladness brings; and for the grace to reflect Christ's joy to all we encounter ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for the healing of divisions within our community; for those suffering from seasonal flu or chronic pain; for the homebound, the disabled, and the dying; we pray also for
Gertrude Hughes; Jean Foley; Ray Depa; James Waller; Jim Serba; Dan Ford; Judy Boyd; Andy Tramel; Tom Franchini (fran-KEE-nee);

... for the gifts of God's saving presence and peace ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for those whom God has welcomed to the eternal wedding banquet; and for their family and friends who grieve; we pray especially for
the deceased members of the Baska & Farkas families; Karl Dash; James Allen; Wendy Jungermann (YUNG-er-mann); Frank Bassett—uncle of Audrey Toft; Don de los Reyes;

... that they know the peace of God's loving embrace ... we pray to the Lord.