

Third Sunday of Easter (14 April 2024)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for all Christians, their communities of faith, and those preparing for the Easter sacraments; 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 communities where there is mistrust and violence; 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 among us; for those suffering from the coronavirus, seasonal flu, or chronic pain; for the homebound, the disabled, and the dying; we pray also for
Hank Sprock; Sophie Esposito; Jim Mahoney; Raquel Soberano Ovando;
Charles Vessels;

... with gratitude 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
Deacon Dave Kohut; Bob Evans; Dennis Wilson; Mary & Don Nemeyer;
Cosmas Nwachukwu;

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