

General intercessions
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Celebrant:

The Lord Jesus came to proclaim liberty and salvation to all. This gives us confidence to entrust to him all our needs.

Reader:

That we may proclaim the same message that our Lord preached by the lives that we lead,

Lord, hear us ...

For a greater openness to God's Word: that we may allow God's Word to enlighten the darkness of our hearts and free us to live as children of God,

Lord, hear us ...

That all governments may acknowledge that their laws must uphold and protect all their citizens, irrespective of their status, power or wealth,

Lord, hear us ...

That as Christ proclaims liberty to the poor and the captive, we may work to eliminate poverty and the unjust deprivation of people's liberty,

Lord, hear us ...

That the sick and the suffering may be comforted by the healing presence of Christ and know of our prayers,

Lord, hear us ...

That all the deceased may share in the eternal life won for us by the Lord's victory over sin and death,

Lord, hear us ...

Celebrant:

Let us seek the help of Mary, Help of Christians, as we say, *Hail, Mary...*

Father, we welcome the Gospel of Your Son. As you answer our prayers, may the words of that Gospel resound in our hearts and shape our lives. Through Christ our Lord.