



18 APRIL 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

INTRODUCTION:

We celebrate today the Living Christ, Our Advocate with the Father, in whose name repentance for the forgiveness of sins is preached to all the world, which is exactly what Peter is seen doing at the entrance of the Temple. Let us also realize our mission as Christians to cooperate with the Risen Lord and win people for Him.

READINGS:

First Reading: Acts 3 :13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2,4,7,9

Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5a

Gospel: Lk 24:35-48

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

CEL: The Risen Lord empowers his disciples to continue his work of proclaiming repentance in His Name. Let us place our petitions before God:

R/- Lord, graciously hear us.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, Bishops, Clergy and the Religious that they may gently work and accompany those on the periphery of society to lead them to conversion; (pause); we pray to the Lord....
2. We pray for all Christians that by our genuine Christian living and example, we may strive to influence people around us through our small Christian community(pause); we pray to the Lord....
3. We pray for all those who are suffering from covid-19 in this spread of the Pandemic that they may experience the healing Presence of the Risen Christ(pause); we pray to the Lord...
4. We pray for all of us in the Eucharistic assembly that we may adhere always to the Death-Resurrection Mystery of Christ and experience forgiveness of sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (pause); we pray to the Lord....

CEL: God Our Father, Your Son Jesus risen from the dead, reveals to us the mysteries of the resurrection. Grant that sharing in his Paschal Mystery, we may become genuine witnesses of His Kingdom. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Coronavirus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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