

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 AM
2006

MARCH 26,

INTERCESSIONS

In this season of repentance and reconciliation, let us intercede for the Church, the world, and all those in need. Our response to the intercessions is **'Your mercy is great.'**

a brief silence

For the Church throughout the world, that all who are raised up with Christ by the riches of His grace will serve with gladness and embody Your love for all people. Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

LORD of the nations and of history, speak Your Word of truth to the world through the Cross of Christ, and give the leaders and peoples of the earth ears to hear. We pray especially that, through the bold testimony of Your servant our brother, Abdul Rahman, and through his faithfulness to the way of the Cross, the leaders, tribes and people of Afghanistan would be shamed from their laws and religion of violence and intolerance, that they would be moved to permit the Gospel to be heard in their land and taught to their children, and that they would be led, by Your Holy Spirit, to embrace Your Word of light and love with true faith. Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

O Christ, Who came to proclaim Good News to the poor, release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, we pray for all who live in service to others, caring for the homeless and feeding the hungry, that through them You would pierce the darkness of poverty and want. Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

O LORD, Our only defense, send Your Holy Angels to watch over all those who are distracted and worn down by anxiety and illness. Give hope to those whose spirits are crushed, especially those who must face or cope with long-term institutional care. We pray especially for Your servants *Tom, Ruth, Dale & Jackie, Earle, John & Eardeen, Theda, Marlene, Doris, Aaron, Donald, Michelle and Dwight, as well as Susan, Lauren, Gail, Darlene, Yana, Elsie, Hilda, Mitzi, Flora Mae, John Hunt & John Staley.* Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

As once they ministered to Our Lord in the wilderness of His temptation, let Your Holy Archangel Michael have charge over our sons and daughters in the Armed Forces of this nation, that they may drive tyranny from the face of the earth, and hold up before their eyes the

example of Your servant, Saints Valentin and Agatha, Christian soldiers, that they may discipline their hearts with conscience, with discipline, with honor, and with love, especially for Your servants *Jeremy, us, O God!*

Your mercy is great!

For all preparing to affirm their faith at Baptism and their first reception of Holy Communion, grant them the grace required in testimony of Your light and love. Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

Heavenly Father, You have blessed our children. As we bring them up in Your love and grace, give us calm strength and wisdom to love whatever follows, following the example of Your Son, Jesus, who by His love and mercy give more life than the following of the world. We beseech Your Holy Spirit to take failure as a measure of their worth but as an opportunity to beseech Your mercy especially for a young man, the teachers and the families of Fife, Barsinger. Keep us all mindful of His love before they have found their purpose. Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

In thanksgiving for the life and Christ of our children, and also for that of all of those whose lives have borne witness to Your love, Hear us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

Inspire our witness with the lives of our children and all who have gone to sleep in Christ, with Mary, the Virgin Mother of Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Apostle, and all Your Saints, and bring Your presence in light and joy and peace to us, O God!

Your mercy is great!

Hear our prayers, merciful God. By Your Holy Spirit transform our lives to declare Your praise and to make known Your grace in Jesus Christ Our Lord, in Whose Name we pray,
Amen!