

**Instructions:**

Please read through the prayers prior to taping to ensure you have punctuation, pauses etc correct

If you are unsure of the pronunciation of a name, don't hesitate to call or email me

Ensure that you speak both the words ending each petition, and also the response that the people would say.

Remember, you are praying to God on behalf of all who are gathered. Don't just 'read' the words. Pray the words in a meaningful way as you talk to God on behalf of everyone present.

## **SUNDAY MARCH 14, 2021 – LENT 4**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. Each petition will end with the words "Hear us, O God" and you are invited to respond with "Your mercy is great".

**[pause]**

Gracious God, we know the words by heart: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." Kindle your Holy Spirit in us, so these words burn bright and pure therein. Let them shine through all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

**Hear us, O God**

**"Your mercy is great."**

You sent your Son that the world might be saved through him. Inspire the witness of the church throughout the world. In our Anglican and Lutheran cycle of prayer, we pray for the Right Reverend Bruce Myers, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec. For Bishop Jason Zinko, the people and rostered ministers of the Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod. Grant that through the Church's faithful witness to your beloved Son, many people may know of your great love for them.

**Hear us, O God**

**"Your mercy is great."**

From east to west your steadfast love is shown. Nourish seas and deserts, wilderness areas and cities. Give water to thirsty lands; nurture spring growth that feeds hungry creatures; bless farmers as they prepare for the growing season.

**Hear us, O God**

**"Your mercy is great."**

We ask for your blessing upon the people of this congregation. In our parish cycle of prayer we remember this week – Shirley Holcomb; Ken and Linda Huggins; Colleen and Rob Hughes; Marg and Mandy Hutchinson. Centre our hearts in your love, shown for us in Christ Jesus, and help us to share that love with others.

**Hear us, O God**

**"Your mercy is great."**

As the Israelites looked upon the bronze serpent and were healed, grant that all who suffer may look upon the Cross of Christ and find comfort, healing, hope and life. – Especially we pray for: George Anderson and family; Nathan and his family; Cathy O'Connor and her companion Ekko; Joseph Signorella and family; Pat & Garry Grayston; Trudy Trindorfer; and for those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts **[pause]**. Restore them to our fellowship; and bestow upon us all the joy of your salvation.

**Hear us, O God**

**"Your mercy is great."**

We praise you, gracious God, for receiving into eternal life those who believed on Jesus Christ in their mortal life. **[pause]**. Keep also our minds and hearts firmly fixed on Jesus, so that we may journey safely through the wilderness of this world into the blessedness and joy of your Promised Land.

**Hear us, O God**

**"Your mercy is great."**

For these things, and for whatever else is needful, gracious God, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**