

## **Intercessions: Fourth Sunday of Lent ... March 22, 2020**

**As we continue on our Lenten pilgrimage in these difficult times, let us once again raise our voices in supplication, confident that God will hear us and give us what we need: Response is "Lord, hear our prayer."**

1. For the Church and for its mission to be the Light of Christ to all peoples in this world, for a renewed commitment to lead the way as we face these troubled times of disease and afflictions, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For wisdom and strength in the Catholic Church as we face the sins and bad judgement of the past and the present; for healing for those who have been hurt by our actions and by what we failed to do, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For our Catechumen preparing for Baptism and for Candidates who are preparing for full communion with the church to have their eyes opened to the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For those who are suffering from the coronavirus infection and for those who have lost a loved one to this illness; for the scientists and public health officials to find soon a remedy for this global and dangerous infection, let us pray to the Lord.
5. For the doctors, nurses, and all medical personnel who are caring for those with this devastating disease; for their safety and protection and for the wellbeing of their families, let us pray to the Lord.
6. For all those who find themselves homeless, in shelters, nursing homes, migrant detentions centers and other places where there is no choice of freedom, for God's protection and compassionate hands to help them, let us pray to the Lord.
7. For generosity and compassion for those who are impoverished, hungry, alone, and isolated; especially for the most vulnerable during this national crisis, for our response in prayer, action, and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
8. For our Catholic community at Holy Faith and in this area, in all Parishes of our Diocese and our nation; for strength, faith, and hope as we face our devastating hunger for the Most Holy Eucharist; for a greater appreciation of the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and for an attitude of solidarity with those who for years have been separated from the Holy Eucharist through war, oppression, or danger, let us pray to the Lord.
9. For the well-being and health for those who are sick; for the suffering in body or mind, for our brothers and sisters in nursing home, hospitals, and institutions; for those who have died, most recently *Bill Ammann*, may he rest in the peace of our Lord; and for all the needs which we now lift up in silent prayer, ...[pause]...let us pray to the Lord.

**God our Father, You sent your Son to be the true light that brightens the world specially in a time of darkness and fear.**

**Help us to rejoice in His light, that we may see, and, like the man born blind, let us prove to be fearless witnesses to the faith: that Jesus, your Son, is our only Lord and Savior, for ever and ever. Amen**