**Third Sunday of Easter : Prayers of the Faithful**

**Priest:**

In today's Gospel we hear how when Jesus broke the bread the disciples' eyes were opened and they recognised him. Let us pray that our eyes, too, may be opened to God's infinite love

**Reader**: For Pope Francis. May all our church leaders aspire to their integrity and deep faith and lead us forward into a bright future.

Lord, in your mercy

**Reader:** For Peace in our troubled world, especially for those who suffer in places of violence and conflict and those are suffering due to the pandemic. May Christ's love touch them with peace and safety.

Lord, in your mercy

**Reader**: Let us pray for all who are lost and unlooked for that the Lord will again show compassion to those who have wandered from him, and empower us to lead others to his presence.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Reader:** For all those who have died that they find peace and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.  Eternal rest give unto the O Lord…………..

Lord, in your mercy.

**Reader:** For all those who mourn especially Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal family that they find peace and reconciliation as they lay Prince Philip

to rest.

Lord, in your mercy

We now ask Our Lady, to join her prayers to ours as we say. Hail Mary …

Silently we pray for our own intentions.

**Priest**:

God our loving Father we ask you to accept our prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen.