



## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FOR MARCH 4, 2026

### LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE

- P** Gracious God, as we proceed through this Lenten season, grant that we may do so with the sincere intent of walking the path of our Lord Jesus Christ, meditating on His Passion and forsaking our sinful ways. Yet, we know that our discipline will wane and we will lose our focus being distracted by the cares and the desires of this world. Thus, we pray for strength that our feet may remain on the way of righteousness, that our hearts will remain pure of all evil desire, that our hands and tongues be free of all word and deed that is contrary to Your Word and that our minds will remain focused on the cross. By Your Holy Spirit, help us to stay steadfast in faith and holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our payer.
- P** Blessed Lord and Savior, for Your obedience, for Your Passion, for Your death and for Your resurrection, we give You our most humble thanks. Without You, we live with despair, but with You, there is hope and peace. Grant us the assurance of the forgiveness and life which You have won for us so that at the time of our death we may meet that end with the blessed hope that we will be with You in Paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the holy Sacraments, making them perfect in love and in all good works, and establishing them in the one true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we may lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear office in our land especially the president and congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and to all those who make, administer and judge our laws. Help them to serve this people according to Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** By Your and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity. Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near and bring consolation to those who mourn. Grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.