

Intercessions for Third Sunday of Lent Year A – 8th March 2026

Loving God, you created us and gave us imaginations as well as free will, hear the prayers that we offer to you today, listen to our thanksgiving for the love you show us and help us with those things that bring worry and concern.

Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God, give us eyes to recognise, as Jesus did at Jacob's Well, the true spiritual thirst in the people around us. Help us all in the Anglican Chaplaincy to respond to those spiritual needs through our worship, our outreach and our social activities.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, your son Jesus crossed territorial boundaries and ignored social taboos throughout his ministry. Give us the courage to make a stand in situations where women in particular have suffered because what should be uncovered is covered up, where they have been humiliated and downtrodden and dare not tell, and where they have been physically mistreated, and cannot tell.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, we see in the Samaritan woman someone who has experienced more than one partner. We pray for those we know, within our families or communities who are coping with difficult or changing marital relationships. We pray for children caught in a family breakdown with all the worry and upset that it might bring to young and unprepared lives and for their parents who are struggling to make the right choices for those they love.

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father and Lord of life, we pray for the gift of courage to face up to and cope with illness. We pray for it for ourselves, and for those who we now name before you

(add names of those requesting prayer)

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, we commend into your hands those who have departed this life. You gave them breath and loved them through their journey of life. Receive them now at the end of that journey into your eternal presence and may they rest in everlasting peace.

(add names of the recently departed or on Anniversary list)

(Short Silence)

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Everlasting God, in so many ways you have taught us that you alone can be trusted, even when it might seem that you are far away from us. Help us to remember this fact and feel your loving presence as we go from this time of worship and return to our everyday lives walking obediently in the light of your truth in all that we do this and every day.

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**