**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Trusting in the Father’s great love for us, we turn to him in prayer.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all Church leaders. May they teach us how to forgive and be forgiven. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For young people, may the Holy Spirit grant them courage to commit themselves generously to God’s service during this Holy Year. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For those preparing to receive the sacraments and those who walk alongside them as catechists, sponsors and godparents. May the grace of accompaniment deepen their love for Christ in the sacraments. **Lord, hear us.**
4. On this Mother’s Day, we pray for all mothers; reward them for their love and the many sacrifices they make without asking for anything in return. Bless them with strength, patience and the reassurance they are loved. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For healing in families: help us to resolve the conflicts, hurt, rejection and resentment that divide families with mutual love and respect. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For an outpouring of Lenten grace in our lives: help us to examine our lives in the light of the gospel, that we may be truly reconciled with God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For parents who struggle to respond wisely to the demands of their children: that they may receive the gift of patient listening, sound judgement and understanding. **Lord, hear us.**
8. For those who are sick: relieve their suffering, lay your healing hand upon them, and restore them to the fullness of health. **Lord, hear us.**
9. For those who have died, especially our mothers; may they become ‘a new creation’ in Christ. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, as you enlightened the eyes of the Prodigal Son’s heart, help us to see clearly the love you have for us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**