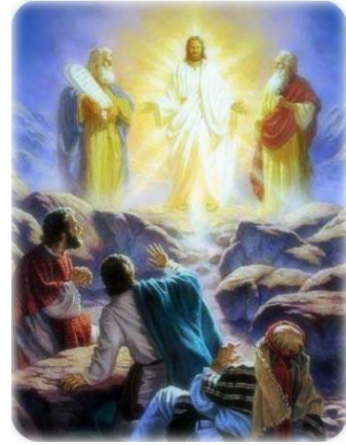


**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Lent*

*Second Sunday*



***Celebrant:*** ... We are encouraged to pray with faith. As a people in need, we bring our prayers before our loving God.

***Reader:*** ... We pray for Pope Francis and for all who share in the ministry of leading the Church at this time: may they be inspired and strengthened by the Spirit of God. . . . Lord, in your mercy.

***Rd.*** ... We pray for those who are trying to discern the voice of God in their lives: may they be helped in their listening and find the guidance they need. . . . Lord, in your mercy.

***Rd.*** ... We pray for all those who are struggling to act according to their conscience: may their freedom to do so be respected. . . . Lord, in your mercy.

***Rd.*** ... We pray for those who are elderly: may they not suffer from loneliness, but find comfort, care and companionship among family and friends. . . . Lord, in your mercy...

***Rd.*** ... We pray for the dead, our own deceased relatives and friends, especially for Howard Beeho, Fr Michael Teader, Richard Dix, Wynn Dunger, and Tim Francis, may God welcome them into his heavenly home. . . . Lord, in your mercy...

***Celebrant:*** ... God our Father, it is good for us to be here at this Holy Eucharist. Quieten our hearts, take away our distractions, and let us be filled with wonder at the sacrifice of Calvary. We ask this through Christ our Lord.