

Mar. 19 Intercessions Third Sunday of Lent

*God both knows us completely and loves us completely; meeting us where we are, he provides us with living water, to satisfy all our needs.*

Thirsty for God, let us pray to him now, in the knowledge that he will provide for us in the way that is best.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin:

**Living God: satisfy our thirst.**

Father, wherever the Church is dry and parched may the water of your Spirit well up to refresh and renew, to bring life and strong new growth.

Lord, make us more aware of our thirst for you, so that we come to you ready and eager to receive your living water. (pause) **Living God: satisfy our thirst.**

Father, from the conflicting needs and agendas of the world we cry for mercy,, for a deeper understanding of one another and a greater desire for co-operation and peace. We pray for sensitivity in handling delicate negotiations and the wisdom which respects and listens. (pause)

**Living God: satisfy our thirst.**

We pray that in all our relationships you will make us effective channels of your love and forgiveness. Make us awash with your living water so that our homes and places of work, our shopping and leisure centres, our conversations and actions, are always in touch with the renewing power of God. (pause)

**Living God: satisfy our thirst.**

We stand alongside all those who are suffering, whether in body, mind and spirit, remembering Claudette, Guy, Ruth, Alex, Alice, Girard, and those known to you alone, and long for your healing and comfort, your strength for perseverance and your patience in the dark times; we long for your living Spirit to envelop and sustain them. (pause) **Living God: satisfy our thirst.**

We pray for those who have come to the end of earthly life; have mercy on them. May they, placing their faith in the God of life ,share in the light and joy of heaven for ever. Oh God, how we need you! We thank you for supplying us and coaxing us forward with such tenderness and affection. *In Jesus name we pray. Amen*