

**Mar. 4 Intercessions LENT 3**

*God's wisdom may shock us. Jesus, obedient to God's Law and fulfilling it, dies a death which, according to the Law, makes him cursed.*

As God has called us, so we have come to pray.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin, is:  
May we hear you, Lord: **and want to obey.**

We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, with all its collected gifts and weaknesses; give us the grace to recognize that in your Spirit we are one, and curb in us all tendency to division. (pause) May we hear you, Lord: **and want to obey.**

We pray for the world in all its beauty and richness; give us the desire to share our planet's food and resources, to care for its people's well-being, and to foster peace and justice for all. (pause) May we hear you, Lord: **and want to obey.**

We pray for those we love — those we see each day and those we miss; help us to cherish one another as we live the loving way of your commands. (pause)  
May we hear you, Lord: **and want to obey.**

We pray for all victims of selfish or violent acts, and for those whose lives are trapped in sin. We pray for all whose bodies and minds have difficulty functioning. Make us more sensitive to their needs. (pause)  
May we hear you, Lord: **and want to obey.**

We pray for those who have died and for those who miss their physical presence. Have mercy on them; may they, and we in our turn, rest in the peace of your enfolding (pause) May we hear you, Lord: **and want to obey.**

We give you thanks for the loving example of Jesus, who was obedient even to death and strengthens us in all goodness.

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