

A—Epiphany 3 / Ordinary Time 3

Presider or deacon

As we follow the cross of Christ, let us pray to God who brings light into the darkness of the world.

Deacon or other leader

For the holy catholic church throughout the world.

Lord, have mercy.

For *N* our bishop, for presbyters, deacons, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy gathering and for all who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

Lord, have mercy.

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for our community.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed.

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying and the dead, and for those who care for them.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, our families and friends, and all those we love.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, *N*, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

Presider

God of dawning light, hear our fervent prayers today and give us the strength to put aside all cares and follow you in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**