

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**Celebrant:** With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

**Petitions**

1. That God will bless the missions and all who work in them, and bring to his Church those who do not yet know Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That he will bless our President, and all those who govern us; endowing them with the Holy Spirit, and enriching them with every grace, so that they will come into his everlasting kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That he will give us the grace to pray according to his will for our enemies and those who persecute us. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That he will inspire the faithful to a love and devotion of Sacred Scripture. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. We commend ourselves and all God's people, living and dead, to the intercession of Mary our Mother, and **N.** our patron. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Conclusion**

**O** GOD, whose only Son opened the Scriptures to his disciples, making their hearts to burn within, inflame our hearts, we pray, with such devotion to you, that we may know you as you are and be dedicated to you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**