
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.

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

Living God:
satisfy our thirst.

We stand alongside all those who are suffering,
whether in body, mind or spirit,
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.

Silence

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.

Silence

Living God:
satisfy our thirst.

O God, how we need you!
We thank you for supplying us and coaxing us forward
with such tenderness and affection.

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