

## **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT – CYCLE C**

**PRESIDER:** Confident and trusting that God will hear us, we offer our prayers for the church and the world.

**READER:** For continued healing for Pope Francis. May his hopes for the church and the world be fulfilled. We pray...**O GOD GRANT OUR PRAYER.**

May we seek justice and lift oppression so that those who are vulnerable may find freedom. We pray...**O GOD GRANT OUR PRAYER.**

As the economic gap between the wealthy and the poor grows, our Catholic Social Teaching tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment in the Gospel of Matthew. Help us put the needs of the poor first, to raise them up out of poverty. We pray...**O GOD GRANT OUR PRAYER.**

That the Holy Spirit of God will encourage and sustain strong, honest and truthful leaders in America. We pray...**O GOD GRANT OUR PRAYER.**

For eternal life for Ken Ruder, Michael Wirth, Sisters Bernice Siemann and Suzanne Schmelzle. We pray...**O GOD GRANT OUR PRAYER.**

For our Minga Peru friends and the Kukama (“Coo Comma”) people, who are known as the best fishermen in the Amazon rainforest. May they find hope in Benet Hill’s intention to be pilgrims alongside them to care for our common home, Earth. We pray...**O GOD GRANT OUR PRAYER.**

That the mind and heart of Christ will transform each one of us to trust in God’s care for all people, including those seeking asylum in our country from violence and environmental devastation. We pray...**O GOD GRANT OUR PRAYER.**

May special blessings be on Sr Deb Kuhl on her name day on Tuesday and on all the special events being celebrated this week by our worship assembly. We pray...**O GOD GRANT OUR PRAYER.**

**PRESIDER:** God of nations, your people know your miracles. Increase a steadfast spirit of faith in us.