



Sisters of
Benet Hill
Monastery

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – CYCLE A

PRESIDER: In the water of Baptism we become Children of God; therefore, we offer our petitions with confidence.

READER: For Christian churches everywhere, that all seek Christ and his mercy. We pray...**LEAD US TO THE WATER.**

In union with Pope Leo's March prayer intentions for disarmament and peace, give us the courage to seek paths of dialogue during times of fear and division. We pray...**LEAD US TO THE WATER.**

For catechumens, candidates, and elect on their journey to Baptism. Strengthen them in their desire for unity with the Body of Christ. We pray...**LEAD US TO THE WATER.**

O merciful God, forgive our country for inflicting great damage and suffering on the people of Iran. Let us raise our voices in prayer and protest in the face of this new spiral of destruction that undermines human dignity and jeopardizes the future of new generations. We pray...**LEAD US TO THE WATER.**

For those who have died, especially Sr Martha Guadalupe Manchego and loved ones of this assembly, that they may rest in the arms of God. We pray...**LEAD US TO THE WATER.**

For our neighbors who are immigrants being held in detention facilities and deported without the due process guaranteed by our U.S. constitution. Bring comfort, safety, and justice to them and their families. We pray...**LEAD US TO THE WATER.**

May the Holy Spirit be with Pope Leo in choosing the next Bishop of Colorado Springs. We pray...**LEAD US TO THE WATER.**

Holy One show us how to love and serve, to awaken joy, and to find rest in this time of chaos and polarization. We pray...**LEAD US TO THE WATER.**

PRESIDER: God of truth and compassion, hear us as Jesus heard the women at the well. We ask through Jesus the Christ. Amen.