March 31, 2020

Dear Pastors,

At Bishop Kettler’s request, please insert and add these intercessions into the Solemn Intercessions of Good Friday.

Inserted after IX. For those in public office and X. For those in tribulation.

For Immigrants and Refugees

Let us pray also for all immigrants and refugees, in our country and throughout the world, that they may dwell in peace and safety.

Prayer in silence. Then, the Priest says:

Almighty ever-living God,
who are the zealous defender of the oppressed,
by your grace open our hearts
to welcome immigrants and refugees,
that they may be delivered
from every hardship, danger, and need,
and that together we may thank you
for your saving help.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.
Added after X. For those in tribulation.

Special Intention for an End to the Pandemic

Let us pray, dearly beloved,
for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world,
that our God will heal the sick,
strengthen those who care for them,
and help us all to persevere in faith.

Prayer in silence. Then, the Priest says:

Almighty and merciful God,
source of all life, health and healing,
look with compassion on our world,
brought low by disease;
protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us
and in your fatherly providence
grant recovery to the stricken,
strength to those who care for them,
and success to those working to eradicate this scourge.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.