

Lenten Prayers 2022

Keep this with you for daily prayer and reflection.

- ® Reader
- © Congregation Response

- ® Brothers and Sisters: God created us to experience joy in communion with the divine, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. Our sin grieves our Father, who does not desire us to come under his condemnation, but have abundant life. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to make our priorities and purposes those of loving God, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and loving life on this planet in all its richness and diversity. *Honesty, fasting, prayer, study, and good works are tools we are given for the work of fostering our spiritual growth and revitalizing our discipleship.* With the promise of the power of the Holy Spirit accompanying us in this Lenten journey, I invite you now to take the first steps towards Easter joy. To begin our pilgrimage, we admit the failures of our past and commit to the challenge of renewing of our faith, beginning with a time of silence for reflection and preparation.

LITANY OF LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Please kneel, stand, or sit, as you choose.

- ® Let us pray...Most holy and merciful God:
- © **We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have not yet fully learned how to follow Christ in our own day and place and way. In this pilgrimage of Lent, we seek not only sooty ashes but revealing light; not only sincere regret, but energizing purpose. Your Holy Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness where, in the face of choices and temptations, he crystallized his mission of proclaiming your Reign with his life. Let your Spirit crystallized in his mission of proclaiming your Reign with his life. Let your Spirit inspire us to follow him, to discern how we each can live and love as Christ taught so we may fulfill the mission you have prepared for each one of us.**
- ® Have mercy on our past sins, and give us the strength to follow Christ with all that we are, and all that we have.
- © **Renew us so that we love you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and forgiving others, as we have been forgiven.**
- © Have mercy on our past sins and help us to empty ourselves of remorse and regret.
- © **Renew us so that, being true to the mind of Christ, we serve others as Christ served us and do what is pleasing to your Holy Spirit.**
- ® Have mercy on our past sins, and give us an awareness of how our faith can and should affect every moment and aspect of our lives.
- © **Renew us so that we are humble, patient, and act with integrity, using the values and promises of the Reign of God as the foundation of every decision, action, or abstention.**

- Ⓡ Have mercy on our past sins, and make us faithful stewards of our resources.
- © **Renew us so that we satisfy our appetites and desires in ways that honor our own bodies, your creation, and the lives of others.**
- Ⓡ Have mercy on our past sins, and give us the vision and imagination we need to see the difference we can make in the world for your sake.
- © **Renew us so that we claim the gifts you have given us, are grateful for whatever we are able to accomplish, and rejoice when others receive abundance.**
- Ⓡ Have mercy on our past sins, and give us the grace to enjoy life in ways that honor you.
- © **Renew us so that we enjoy worldly goods and comforts in moderation, and are honest in our daily life and work.**
- Ⓡ Have mercy on our past sins, and give us the courage to find ways to tell our stories of your presence in our lives.
- © **Renew us so that we give our hearts fully in prayer and worship, and commend to others the faith that is in us.**
- Ⓡ Have mercy on our past sins, and give us the eyes of the prophets, who learned to see how you created the world to be in the first place, without human sin devastating it.
- © **Renew us so that we do not flinch from seeing the human need and suffering around us, and are courageous agents of justice and compassion.**
- Ⓡ Have mercy on our past sins, and strengthen us to love our enemies and serve those who make us uncomfortable.
- © **Renew us so that we regard others as equal to ourselves, think charitably toward our neighbors, and seek to understand and appreciate those who differ from us.**
- Ⓡ Have mercy on our past sins, and grant us the wisdom to understand the impact of our actions on our children's children's children.
- © **Renew us so that we conserve and heal your creation for the sake of those who come after us.**
- Ⓡ Let your grace restore us, good Lord, and let your Spirit inspire us.
- © **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**
- Ⓡ Accomplish in us the work of your salvation.
- © **That we may show forth your glory in the world.**
- Ⓡ By the cross and passion of your son our Lord,
- © **Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**