

A Celebration for Your Home

Ash Wednesday 2022
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

Begin with the Sign of the Cross

Opening Prayer

Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil. As we begin the discipline of Lent, make this day holy by our self-denial. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

Gospel Passage

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples, Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The gospel of the Lord

Prayer Over the Ashes

O God, you are moved by our acts of humility and respond with forgiveness to our works of penance. Lend your merciful ear to our prayers and in your kindness pour out your grace upon us who will be marked with these ashes.

As we follow the Lenten observances of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, may our minds and hearts be made pure to celebrate the Resurrection of your Son Jesus at Easter.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Distribute Ashes on Children's Heads saying to each child:

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel."

Prayers of the Faithful

The response that we say together after each petition is:

Lord, hear our prayer.

1. That all of us will speak to God in daily prayer, especially during this season of Lent, and listen to His Spirit within us, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. That we will seriously try to change ourselves by being more aware of our thoughts, words and actions and try to grow more like Jesus each day, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For those who are sick, that the Lord will heal them in his love, we pray to the Lord.

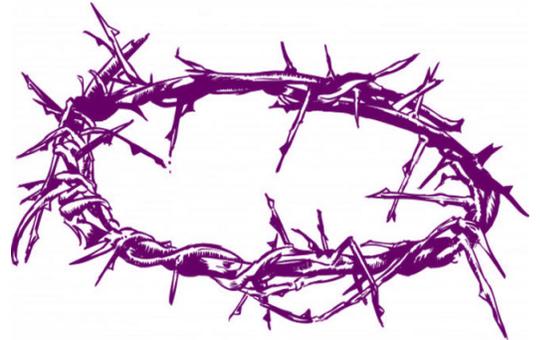
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4. For the children of developing countries, that they may receive the help they need with the assistance of our charity, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. That Jesus, the Light of the World, will guide us to speak words of peace and encouragement, we pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.



Closing Prayer

Lord, may our Lenten penance give you glory and bring us your protection throughout these forty days. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

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