

Universal Prayers | Lent | Year B

Week One

Reader: For all who follow Jesus. Lord, as we enter the desert with you, be with us through all our difficulties. May we respond to your invitation to live in the light of the Good News. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, graciously hear us or Lord hear our prayer.

Reader: For generosity of heart. Lord, may the temptations of a materialistic world be overcome by following your example. May we be people who live spiritual lives based on love of others and not on the love of possessions. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

Reader: For reconciliation among all people. May the experience of peace and healing of God's love and acceptance of us even at our worst be a sign of hope for all those searching for forgiveness. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

WEEK TWO

Reader: For all who follow Jesus. Lord, in this time of Lent as we reflect on your Word, help us to accept the invitation in the scriptures to follow your ways. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

Reader: For reconciliation among all people. Lord, may we open our hearts to your invitation to change those things in our lives that are not in accord with your message of justice, peace and unconditional love of all people. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

Reader: For generosity of heart Lord, may your transforming presence be with us always as we carry out our day to day activities at work and with family and friends. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

WEEK THREE

Reader: For all who follow Jesus. Lord, the Good News nurtures our faith, and invites us to see beyond the values of a world that holds possessions as precious. May we be generous with our wealth so that others may live in dignity [Pause] Lord, hear us.

Reader: For all of us gathered here. Lord, your goodness surrounds us in so many ways. May we be courageous in our faith and invite others to join us in knowing, loving and following you. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

Reader: For those who may be living in a cloud of resentment. Lord, may we learn to find time for you in our lives, making time for prayer and reflection, especially in times of trouble and despair. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

WEEK FOUR

Reader: For those searching. Lord, we place our trust in you as we journey through life. May we find strength in that trust to fight the temptations of the world that come our way. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

Reader: For peace and Justice in the world. Lord, you are the light that shines in our darkness. May we have the courage to let the light of justice and compassion shine in us. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

Reader: For those at odds with their families. Lord, may we never forget that you are light, truth and love. As we struggle with difficulties in our lives may we never lose sight of your invitation to come to you and find peace. [Pause] Lord, hear us.

WEEK FIVE

Reader: For us gathered here. Let us immerse ourselves fully in the Easter rituals and so grow in our faith and understanding of the great gift of Jesus' life and the Father's love for us. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Reader: For those in pain. As we approach the Easter celebrations may those in great pain be comforted in the knowledge that Jesus understands their suffering and holds them in the palm of His hand. [Pause] Lord hear us.

Reader: For those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Lord be with us in our sadness and may we never forget that you conquered death so that we may spend eternal life with the Father. [Pause] Lord hear us.