

Grant that our parishioners in high school, college, and graduate school may find God to be the source of all wisdom and the light that continually guides them. From our hearts we cry:

*Lord, give us your grace.*

Grant that those who have died, and those who mourn may find comfort in your love. From our hearts we cry:

*Lord, give us your grace.*

Restore us, good Lord, and keep us open to your love;

*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.*

*The Celebrant stands and, facing the people, says*

Eternal God, you bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant then says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*Amen.*

## A Litany for Lent

*A Litany for Lent is appropriate to the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Lent, incorporates the Prayers of the People and the Confession of Sin and begins with the Acclamation for Lent. This litany is based on the Litany of Penitence from Ash Wednesday which is then expanded to include additional petitions. Eucharistic Prayer C is the ideal companion to this litany as it continues the participatory nature of the prayer and concludes with all saying, "Deliver us from the presumption of coming to the Table for solace only, and not for strength; pardon only and not for renewal."*

*Most holy and merciful Father:*

*We confess to you and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints*

*in heaven and on earth,*

*that we have sinned by our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed;*

*by what we have done,*

*and by what we have left undone.*

*The Intercessor continues*

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*Have mercy on us, Lord.*

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

*Have mercy on us, Lord.*

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

*We confess to you, Lord.*

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

*We confess to you, Lord.*

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

*Accept our repentance, Lord.*

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

*Accept our repentance, Lord.*

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

*Accept our repentance, Lord.*

Grant, O Lord, that all bishops, other clergy, and lay leaders may embrace the way of the cross as the way of salvation and lead the people of God to eternal glory.

From our hearts we cry:

*Lord, give us your grace.*

Grant that the leaders of the nations may work for the welfare of the people of the world and not for personal glory or earthly rewards. From our hearts we cry:

*Lord, give us your grace.*

Grant that those who suffer may be drawn to the hope of a better life through our willingness to share our bounty, skill, and prayers. From our hearts we cry:

*Lord, give us your grace.*

Grant that Christian people everywhere may not be ashamed to confess Christ as their savior and serve him faithfully. From our hearts we cry:

*Lord, give us your grace.*

We commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, and give them courage to face the perils which beset them. Grant them patience and endurance and let them be a reminder to each other of your enduring love. Make this love known in and through the family, friends, and neighbors of those who are deployed. From our hearts we cry:

*Lord, give us your grace.*

Grant in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love.

From our hearts we cry:

*Lord, give us your grace.*

Grant the fullness of your blessing on those remembered in this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.....

From our hearts we cry:

*Lord, give us your grace.*