

# Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in February, 2024

## Introduction

Leader Lent is the Church's retreat. We step aside to examine our lives and recommit ourselves to the teachings and values of Jesus.

## Opening Prayer

All God of mercy, visit us with your love and compassion as we deal with our own vices and the vices within our world. May we use our Lenten retreat time well. We pray in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

## Word of God Mark 1:12-15

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark (Pause for silent reflection)

*Optional* Discuss these questions in two's or three's. *The reading is on the reverse side.*

1. To love Jesus is to know him. How well do you study the teachings and values of Jesus?
2. Discuss ways to spend your Lenten retreat time.

**Response** Taken from Mark 1:12-15

Side 1 "Jesus remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan."

Side 2 Lord, because you were tempted, we know that you will help us when we are tempted.

Side 1 "He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him."

Side 2 Send your angels to minister to us when we are in grave need.

Side 1 "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."

Side 2 During this Lent, we are once again asked by God to repent and believe in the gospel.

**Petitions** Individuals add intentions to remember here.

**Closing Prayer** Psalm 25:4-5 (Taken from today's Responsorial Psalm)

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;  
teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
For you are my savior.

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### **A reading from the Gospel of Mark**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the desert for forty days,  
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,  
And the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,  
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God.  
“This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”