

Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in February, 2021

Introduction

Leader “Lent is the springtime of the Church.” That saying reminds us to do our spring cleaning, reforming our ways once again, drawing closer to Jesus and his Way.

Opening Prayer

All God of mercy, we come before you during this holy time of Lent. Help us to take time to study your ways in the gospels and reflect on your love for all of God’s people. We know we need to calm the conflicting messages we hear and see each day so that your messages prevail. We pray in Jesus, our Way, Truth and Life. 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. What is your way of hearing the messages of Jesus in the Gospels?
2. What Lenten practice helps you best connect with Jesus words, “Repent and believe in the gospel?”

Response (Taken from Mark 1:12-15)

Side 1 “The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert.”

Side 2 The Spirit also drives us to 40 days of our Lenten desert experience, turning back and receiving the grace of God.

Side 1 “Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God.”

Side 2 By studying the “gospel of God,” we learn how Jesus leads us to follow him.

Side 1 “This is the time of fulfillment...Repent and believe in the gospel.”

Side 2 May our days of Lent draw us back to the gospel and to renewed belief in Jesus’ teachings.

Petitions Individuals add intentions to remember here.

Closing Prayer

All Loving God, help us draw closer to you and your teachings during this season of Lent. May our outreach to others reflect your call to “repent and believe in the gospel.” We pray through the Spirit of God. Amen.

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.

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.”