

Year A RCL PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11; Psalm 32

In faith, let us pray to the Lord, saying....

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, our hearts hunger for You alone.
Your Word gives life, and your commands nourish us,
And still we disobey,
Believing our own wisdom and hiding in our transgressions.
We come this Lent to offer you the weight of our sin.
Bless us with your promise of forgiveness.
Grant us true penitence and confession.
Be for us an unfailing hiding place, and, in your boundless mercy, surround us with
your deliverance.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

You are the rightful Lord of creation,
And you alone are worthy of the worship and service of all people.
We confess that we together have gone astray, and our disobedience fills the world
with sin.
We daily taste the bitter fruit of our self-interest, violence, brutality, injustice,
hatred and fear.
We commit to your care the plight of the whole earth,
Asking that your life-giving Word would set to rights every corner of the globe.

I invite you to pray for the world and her leaders, remembering especially...

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for your church, set free by your grace.
Give us honest, contrite hearts.
Quicken our tongues with the joy of your forgiveness
And root the truth of your deliverance and salvation deep in our souls.

I invite you to pray for the church throughout the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer because of sin and human evil.
We remember the abused, the enslaved, the imprisoned, the orphaned, the widowed, the rejected and slandered, and those injured by addictions and despair.
We pray for the depressed, the lonely and forgotten, for those weighed down by anxiety and guilt, the bereft and grieving, and for anyone whose spirit has been crushed and deeply wounded.
We remember the starving, the sick, the refugees, the poor, the homeless, the terminally ill, and those crippled by pain and infirmity.
The groaning of the world is too much for us to bear.
Come quickly to us, Lord Jesus, you who took on flesh and understand all our pain.

I invite you to pray for the needs of others.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, keep us near to you this week.
Give us a hunger for your Word,
And help us to make space to listen to you.
We confess our need for you:
For your wisdom and guidance,
For your protection and provision,
For your help and comfort.
In every area of our lives we need you, Lord,
And we ask that you would be our daily portion.

I invite your prayers for the upcoming week..

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Look in the deep places of our beings, and create in us clean hearts.
Give us a right abhorrence for our own sins.
Help us to be alert and self-controlled,
That we may flee the snares of our enemy.
Show us where we have withheld forgiveness,
And, because of your great mercy, grant us grace to forgive others.

I invite your prayers for repentance and perseverance.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for your church,
For all who have been given your grace in Christ Jesus.
We remember now those who have died in the faith, trusting that they are in your
care.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We delight in your forgiveness, O Lord,
And our hearts shout for joy because of your steadfast love.
There is none like You, Holy and Majestic One,
Who in mercy draws near to us.
We gladly offer you our lives, surrendering all to you through Jesus Christ our
Lord, Amen.