

A first prayer of Intercession for Lent

Response: The Lord is God: there is no other

Our God knows us and the temptations we face.
Let us pray to him now.

As the church begins/continues through this season of Lent
We ask you to remind us of what is important
and what is not;
of where we are wandering away and what we need to change;
so that by Easter we will be renewed and strengthened for your service in the world.
The Lord is God: **there is no other**

The worlds misery and pain and despite need of healing
are clear to see and affect us all.
We pray now for this damaged world
with all its weakness, longings and failings,
with all its potential and hope.
The Lord is God: **there is no other**

Whenever a child is born
we celebrate the creative hope of God.
We pray now for all being born this week
and for their families and communities,
that all our children may be loved and cared for, safe and happy.
The Lord is God: **there is no other**

We pray for all who suffer through others sin;
all victims of abuse or oppression or apathy;
all whose adult lives are distorted and misshapen
By early damaging experiences which need your healing.
The Lord is God: **there is no other.**

We remember those who,
freed from the aging and pain of their bodies
can live now with you in the peace and joy of heaven.
The Lord is God: **there is no other**

Lord, we give you thanks and praise
for the hope we have in Jesus;
for the strength to resist temptation
and the joy and relief of forgiveness when we fall.

Merciful father
Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen.

A second prayer of Intercession for Lent

The response is: Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.
For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ...
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For those preparing for baptism [and confirmation] ...
and for their teachers and sponsors,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For peace in the world ...
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow
among nations and peoples,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer ...
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;
that they may be relieved and protected,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness ...
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion, in your mercy hear us.

God our Father,
in your love and goodness
you have taught us to come close to you in penitence
with prayer, fasting and generosity;
accept our Lenten discipline,
and when we fall by our weakness,
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A third prayer of Intercession for Lent

The response is: Lord, meet us in the silence, give us strength and hear our prayer.

We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things
and to give ourselves to him this Lent.

Give your Church the courage
to give up her preoccupation with herself
and to give more time to your mission in the world.

[We pray for ...]

May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus
bring forgiveness to your people
and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give your world the courage
to give up war, bitterness and hatred,
and to seek peace.

[We pray for ...]

May the shoulders of the risen Jesus,
once scourged by soldiers,
bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy
in our families, neighbourhoods and communities.

[We pray for ...]

May the presence of the risen Jesus,
his body once broken and now made whole,
bring peace and direction as we live with one another.

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage
to give up our selfishness as we live for others,
and to give time, care and comfort to the sick.

[We pray for ...]

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch,
and the light of his presence fill their rooms.

Lord, meet us in the silence, **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death
and to rejoice with those who have died in faith.

[Especially we hold ... in our minds.]

May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross,
walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony,
and walk with us and all your Church
through death to the gate of glory.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer, here and in eternity. Amen.

A fourth prayer of Intercession for Lent

In penitence and faith let us make our prayers to the Father
and ask for his mercy and grace.

For your holy people,
that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace
We pray to you, O Lord.

For those waiting for and considering baptism and confirmation (in these different times)
that they may live by very word that proceeds from your mouth
We pray to you, O Lord

For the leaders of the nations
That you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth (we pray for.....)
We pray to you, O Lord.

For those in need
That they may not be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away (we pray for)
We pray to you, O Lord.

For the sick in body, mind or spirit,
that they may know your power to heal (we pray for.....)

For the poor in spirit,
that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven
and see you face to face.
We pray to you, O Lord.

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered,
To the mercy and protection of God.