



Pour It Out

For Expanded Ministry

Daily Lent Prayer

“Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.”

Grant, almighty God, through our observance of Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Lord God,
you who breathed the spirit of life within me.
Draw out of me the light and life you created.
Help me to find my way back to you.
Help me to use my life to reflect your glory
and to serve others as your son Jesus did.

Let us praise our loving Redeemer, who gained for us this season of grace, and pray to him, saying:

Lord, create a new spirit in us.

Lord God,
Bring us back to you.
This week I pray for a renewal of our lives as the body of Christ.
Create in us a longing to be more attentive and alert.
Stitch new patterns of love among us.
The difficulties we encounter keep us humble.
May our desire be clear.
We want the self-sacrificing love of Christ which brings us mercy and healing - cause this to be reproduced in our lives.
In our journey, may we seek to savor the meaning of Jesus' self-less love, that we might reflect that love to each other.
At the end of our journey, we will renew our baptismal promises.
Dying with Jesus in baptism, we have a new life in him.
Today, we desire nothing less than God's re-creating us -
breathing new life into us.

You chose a people for your own,
to lavish love upon,
raise up prophets, priests and kings,
to be the nation through which
the Messiah would be revealed to the world,
and through whom your kingdom would come.
You chose this people gathered here
to be your children,
loved and blessed, forgiven
through the one who knew no sin,
the King of Glory whose crown was made of thorns,
and whose name we raise in worship.

Forgive those things we have done
which have caused you sadness,
and those things we should have done
that would have brought you joy.

In both we have failed
ourselves,
and you.

Bring us back to that place
where our journey began,
when we said that we would follow
the way that you first trod.

Lead us to the Cross
and meet us there.

Loving God, you call us back to you with all of our hearts.
I feel your call for me deep in my heart.
Please, Lord, give me the wisdom to know how to return.
Make my journey back to you this Lent one of grace, forgiveness
and gentle love.

May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.