

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: LENT, YEAR B (2018)

The Prayers of the People provided for the Season of Lent have been composed to echo or complement words and images from the scripture passages assigned for Year B of the Revised Common Lectionary. Congregations engaging in "Becoming the Story We Tell" will find them of particular support. These prayers may be used "as is," or adapted according to local need.

The response suggested for the prayers remains the same for each Sunday, with the exception of Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion. It is hoped that the words will be readily committed to memory, whether said or sung.

For congregations wanting to use a sung refrain, #769 in Common Praise (1998) is recommended. It is an accessible refrain that uses the congregational response suggested in the prayers below.

It is recommended that only the response for the Prayers of the People be printed in the worship leaflet or provided in PowerPoint slides.

Intercessors should prepare for The Prayers of the People well before the Liturgy to ensure any particular names or places to be included are identified.

Even if no one in the congregation is a candidate for baptism at the Paschal Triduum (The Three Days of Christian Passover, which extends from the evening of Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday in the evening) or during the Season of Easter, prayers for those preparing for baptism should be included throughout Lent. The same holds true for petitions offered for those making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal over this Lenten season.

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First Sunday of Lent, Year B

February 18, 2018

That we might become the story we tell,
trusting in God's steadfast love,
and guiding home to God's side those who have wandered,
let us pray to the Lord as we sing/say,
"Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love."
"Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love."

For all followers of Christ in every land and nation,
praying this day with Anglicans around the globe
for Archbishop Albert Chama
and The Church of the Province of Central Africa.
(allow time for silent prayer)

That in our words, worship, and work
we will honour the covenant made with God in baptism,
let us pray to the Lord. **/R/**

For Anne, our Bishop;
for *N. our Incumbent*, and this parish;
and for Archdeacon Glen Miller
and the people of Christ Church, Lively, and St. John's, Copper Cliff.
(allow time for silent prayer)

That the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving of Lent
may bring forth a new springtime of faith in our lives,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For the nations and peoples of the earth, *especially N.*
and for all who struggle with attractions to wealth, power, and control.
(allow time for silent prayer)

And that we may be led by the Spirit
to serve as a sign and instrument of the Kingdom that has come near,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For all who have been chosen for the Easter sacraments,
and for those making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal,
especially N.,

(allow time for silent prayer)

That may become living proclamations of the good news,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

For all who have no choice but to fast every day,
for homeless children, refugees, and victims of war and natural disasters.
For the sick and suffering known to the members of this congregation,
especially N.,

(allow time for silent prayer)

That our Lenten fasting may make our thoughts more aware of them,
our hearts and hands more generous toward them,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

Let us remember the dead, *especially N.,*

(allow time for silent prayer)

and that God's Spirit will bear up all who mourn,
let us pray to the Lord: **/R/**

The Presiding Celebrant or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following Collect:

God of our salvation,
your bow in the clouds,
proclaims your covenant with every living creature.
Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth,
so that by your Holy Spirit,
we may remember our baptismal vows
and be keepers of your trust with earth and its inhabitants,
through Jesus, your anointed one.

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Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

February 25, 2018

God is able to do all that God has promised.

Therefore, let us offer ourselves in Christ through prayer as we sing/say,
“Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.”

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Faithful God, in whom our future rests secure,
we pray for the church throughout the world.

We pray especially for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America,
under the leadership of its Primate, Archbishop Sturdie Downs.

We pray, too, for St. George’s Church, Espanola, and St. Thomas’ Church,
French River,

under the leadership of their Lay Incumbent and Pastoral Worker,
Mrs. Beverly Van der Jagt.

(allow time for silent prayer)

That your people may be a blessing to all nations,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

God who gives life to the dead
and calls into existence things that do not exist,

We pray for all those preparing to be born of water and the Spirit
at this year’s Easter celebration, *especially N.*,

We pray, too, for those making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal,
especially N.

(allow time for silent prayer)

That will take up their cross
and lose their lives for the sake of the crucified one and his gospel,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

God our promised land, in whom all peoples may find a home,
we pray for refugees
and for all who journey in the hope of security and freedom.

(silent prayer)

That the citizens of earth, especially those entrusted with power and wealth,
may render the mercy you desire, we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

God our hope, source of blessing for every nation,
we pray for all who name themselves children of Abraham:
the people of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity.

(silent prayer)

And that all people may yearn for, and seek your peace,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

God, who regards the affliction of the afflicted,
cast your gaze on all who suffer, especially *N*.

(silent prayer)

That all in need may know you as their guard and their shade,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

God our keeper, we remember before you those who have died, especially *N*.

(silent prayer)

And that the ends of the earth shall remember your deeds and turn to you
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

The Presiding Celebrant or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following Collect:

God of Sarah and Abraham,
long ago you embraced your people in covenant
and promised them your blessing.
Strengthen us in faith so that,
with those who journey with you in every age,
we may proclaim your deliverance
to generations yet unborn.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
our hope and our home.

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Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

March 4, 2018

Through baptism, the risen Christ makes of us a sacred dwelling place that we may become the home of his new and resurrected life.

Therefore, let us pray in confidence to our God as we sing/say,

“Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.”

“Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.”

For the Christ’s people throughout the world,
particularly Archbishop Zacharie Masimango
and the Province de L’Eglise Du Congo;

(silent prayer)

that the church may be consumed by the zeal of its Lord,
let us pray to our God: **/R/**

For our Bishop, The Right Rev. Anne Germond
and this Diocese of Algoma;
for The Rev. Sherry De Jonge
and the congregations of Northern Lights Parish -
St. James’, Cobalt, and the Church of St. Paul and St. John, Haileybury;

(silent prayer)

that, more and more, we may desire what God desires,
and serve as Christ serves,
let us pray to our God: **/R/**

For all responding to the proclamation of Christ crucified
by preparing for baptism
or making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal,
and for their sponsors;

(silent prayer)

that they may know the message of the cross
as the power and wisdom of God,
let us pray to our God: **/R/**

For all who yearn for health or wholeness, especially *N.*,
(*silent prayer*)
that they may be delivered from their afflictions,
let us pray to our God: */R/*

Remembering those who have died, especially *N.*,
we pray for all who mourn;
(*silent prayer*)
and that we may rejoice forever in the fellowship of all the Saints,
let us pray to our God: */R/*

The Presiding Celebrant or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following Collect:

God of the covenant,
give us zeal to discern the foolishness
and the wisdom of this present age,
so that we may proclaim Christ crucified;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

*Concluding prayer from the Collects and Seasonal Prayers, 'Texts for Trial Use'
prepared by Faith, Worship and Ministry, Anglican Church of Canada. Available at
<https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/GS2016-Trial-Use-Collects-2016-05-09.pdf>*

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

March 11, 2018

We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
Therefore, let us offer ourselves in Christ through prayer as we sing/say,
“Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.”

“Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.”

“God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive together in Christ.”

Let us pray for Anne, Bishop of Algoma.

Let us pray for Holy Trinity Church, Jocelyn, St. George’s, Echo Bay,
and the Chapel of the Intercession, Llewellyn Beach,

Mr. Pat Brown, Lay Incumbent,

and for The Rev. Rosalie Goos, Honorary Assistant.

Let us pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury,

and for the Church of England.

(silent prayer)

That Christ's people may live as children of light,
discerning and acting upon what is pleasing in God’s sight,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

“Those who do what is true come to the light,
so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism, *especially N.*,

for those making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal, *especially N.*,

and for their sponsors;

(silent prayer)

That the Spirit of God may come mightily
upon those anointed with baptism’s fragrant oil

we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

“God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Let us pray for those who suffer around the globe

due to injustice, disaster, or violence, *especially N.*

Let us pray, too, for the wellbeing of the whole creation.

(silent prayer)

That God’s word will be sent out,
turning hearts from the ways of greed or domination
to the pursuit of peace and justice,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”

Let us pray for all who journey through the wilderness of poverty, violence,
fear, sickness, or other suffering, *especially N.*

(silent prayer)

That we will lift up Christ Jesus through compassionate care,
so they may look on him and be healed,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

“Give thanks to the Lord; his steadfast love endures forever.”

Let us remember the dead, *especially N.*

(silent prayer)

And that we will continually recall God’s eternal faithfulness,
we offer ourselves in Christ: **/R/**

The Presiding Celebrant or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following Collect:

O God, in baptism you anoint us
and seal us as your own forever.

Give us grace to see the world as it is seen by you,
that we may walk in the light of your love,

extending your healing touch to every race and nation.

We ask this through your anointed One, Jesus the Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

March 18, 2018

Through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, death no longer has dominion. Therefore, let us exercise our priestly call with boldness, praying for the church, interceding for the world, and lifting our hearts to God as we sing/say:

“Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.”

“Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love.”

God who writes the law upon our hearts,
we pray for your church in this Diocese, and our Bishop, Anne.
We pray for the congregations of Manitoulin Island: All Saints’, Gore Bay;
St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong; St. Paul’s, Manitowaning;
St. Francis of Assisi, Mindemoya; and Holy Trinity, Little Current;
and for The Rev. Canon Bain Peever,
Honorary Emeritus at St. Francis’ Church.
We pray, too, for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui,
and Archbishop Paul Kwong.
Set our hearts to follow Christ.
Make us seeds of grain bearing fruit.
Let your church be for the world
 a compelling sign of promise and new life.
We lift our hearts in prayer: **/R/**

God who teaches hungry hearts the way of your statutes,
we pray for those preparing for baptismal death and resurrection,
especially N.
We pray, too, for those making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal,
especially N.
Fix eyes upon your ways.
Spark delight in your decrees as much as in all riches.
Open hearts and lips to declare your life-giving ordinances.
We lift our hearts in prayer: **/R/**

God for whom we wait and whose word is our hope,
we pray for all in exile,
and for those whose homes and sacred places lay in ruins,
especially N.
Speak your life-giving word, O God.
Rebuild lives and communities.
Breathe resurrection life into those suffocated by the powers of death.
We lift our hearts in prayer: **/R/**

God who considers well the voice of our supplication,
we pray for the sick and those who suffer any need, *especially N.*
Have mercy according to your steadfast love.
Break all bondage to hopelessness.
Restore the afflicted to the joy of your salvation.
We lift our hearts in prayer: **/R/**

God, whose Christ wept at the grave of Lazarus, his friend,
yet felt indignation at a people surrendering to death,
we remember those who sleep in Christ, *especially N.*,
and pray for the mourning who yearn for resurrection hope.
Open graves.
Rouse us to support those wounded by grief.
Give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit that dwells within.
We lift our hearts in prayer: **/R/**

The Presiding Celebrant or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following Collect:

God of glory, your revelation through Jesus Christ
calls into your covenant of love.
Enable us now to reflect your love,
so that barriers erected by sin may be broken down,
and all people may be drawn to you;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

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Sunday of the Passion, Year B

March 25, 2018

While a number of congregational responses are possible, the following litany is structured for use with a sung response which adapts a prayer by Archbishop Desmond Tutu: "Goodness is Stronger than Evil" (music by John Bell, GIA Publications). This response follows each petition. The words and music are available at:

http://www.hymnary.org/text/goodness_is_stronger_than_evil

On this day, the church hears again the Passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. That the victory of the cross may be claimed and savored by all people, let us join our voices in prayer and confess the power of God's love as we sing/say: **[Response]**

We pray for goodness to reign in our world.

(allow time for silent prayer)

That the governments and citizens of this nation
will demonstrate concern for the most vulnerable in society,
and that business leaders will not seek profit
at the expense of Creation's wellbeing,
let us confess the power of God's love: **/R/**

We pray for love to reign in our world.

(allow time for silent prayer)

That we will notice and reach out to those
who endure loneliness, persecution, or injustice,
and that families divided by hostility may know reconciliation,
let us confess the power of God's love: **/R/**

We pray for God's light to reign in our world.

(allow time for silent prayer)

That nations and tribes, ethnic groups, and individuals alike
will turn from the futility of prejudice and violence,
and that those preparing for baptism may shine
as examples of God's power to change lives,
let us confess the power of God's love: **/R/**

We pray for life to reign in our world.

(allow time for silent prayer)

That the sick and suffering, *especially N.*, may know healing and wholeness, and that, remembering *N. and* all who have died, those who mourn may find hope in the promise of Resurrection, let us confess the power of God's love: */R/*

As we join with Anglicans around the world in prayer for Archbishop Suheil Dawani, and the Church in Jerusalem and Middle East, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

As we join in prayer with Anglicans across this Diocese for Anne, our Bishop, and for St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge, St. Peter's, Rocksborough, and St. Stephen's, Vankoughnet, and the clergy serving them, The Rev. Kelly Baetz, Incumbent, The Rev. Barbara Graham, and The Rev. Barbara Nangle, we pray that the story we proclaim and celebrate this week may take flesh in the life and witness of our congregation, and we confess the power of God's love: */R/*

The Presider or Intercessor concludes the Prayers of the People with the following Collect:

God of the covenant, through baptism we pass
from the darkness of sin and death to the light of resurrection life.
May we, walking in the way of the cross,
arrive at our Passover celebration
with a deeper awareness of the life we share in the Risen Saviour,
Jesus Christ our Lord.