

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
LENT, YEAR C (2019)**

The Prayers of the People provided for the Season of Lent have been composed to echo, complement, and respond to the scripture passages assigned for Year C of the Revised Common Lectionary. Congregations engaging in "Becoming the Story We Tell" may 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 and pronunciations are correct.

Even if no one in the congregation is a baptismal candidate for the Great Vigil of Easter during the Christian Passover, the Day of Pentecost, or any Sunday of the Easter Season, 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. The scope of the Intercessions in Liturgy is always wider than any single congregation's concern or context.

If any in the congregation or parish are preparing for Confirmation, their names should be included with those making an intentional journey of baptismal renewal/preparing to renew baptismal vows.

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First Sunday of Lent, Year C

March 10, 2019

That we might become the story we tell, walking in the joy of God's salvation and guiding home to God's side those who have wandered, let us offer ourselves in prayer for the church and the world, singing/saying:

"Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love."

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Let us pray for all followers of Christ throughout the world.

Let us pray especially for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo and Archbishop Zacharie Masimango Katanda.

(allow time for silent prayer)

That we may be nourished by the Word of God each day and strengthened for life's journey by the Bread of Life, we pray to the Lord. **/R/**

Let us pray for this congregation,
and for the other congregations of this Diocese,
especially Holy Trinity, Jocelyn, St. George's, Echo Bay,
and The Chapel of the Intercession, Llewellyn Beach,
their Lay Incumbent and Administrator, Susan Montague-Koyle,
and Honorary Assistant, Rosalie Goos.

(allow time for silent prayer)

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

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the earth, especially *N*.
Let us pray, too, 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 confront the demons in our lives and society,
we pray to the Lord: **/R/**

Let us pray 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 God will help them to turn toward all that is holy and good,
we pray to the Lord: */R/*

Let us pray for all who have no choice but to fast every day,
for homeless children, refugees, and victims of war and natural disasters.
Let us pray, too, 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 us more aware of them
and our hearts more generous towards them,
we pray to the Lord: */R/*

Let us remember the dead, especially N.

(allow time for silent prayer)

And that God's willing spirit will bear up all who mourn,
we pray to the Lord: */R/*

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

God of deliverance and freedom,
you taught the people of Israel
to acknowledge that all things
come from your bountiful hand.
Deepen our faith so that we may resist temptation
and, in the midst of trial,
proclaim that Jesus is Lord.
We ask this in his name.

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Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

March 17, 2019

The Lord is our light and salvation.

Therefore, our hearts take courage as we place our hope in the Lord,
praying and offering ourselves in Christ 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,
especially the Church of England,
and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury.

We pray, too, for the witness and work of the Diocese of Algoma,
especially Archbishop Anne Germond,

The Rev. Doug Prebble; The Rev. Canon Bain Peever
and 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.

(allow time for silent prayer)

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

God who gathers tenderly,
we pray for those preparing for baptism, *especially N.*,
and those preparing to renew their baptismal covenant, *especially N.*

(silent prayer)

And that the rest of us may provide for them
examples worthy of imitation,
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,
especially N.

(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, the 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/*

All-seeing God, whose embrace is as wide as the universe,
direct your compassionate gaze
upon the marginalized, the sick and 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 in whom we believe,
the One who gives life to the dead
and calls into existence the things that do not exist,
we remember before you those who sleep in Christ, *especially N.*

(silent prayer)

And that we may always walk according to your promises,
we offer ourselves in Christ: */R/*

The Presider or Intercessor concludes 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.
As we offer ourselves in prayer, fill us with hope and joy,
that we may arrive at our Passover celebration
with a deeper awareness
of the life we share in the Risen Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Third Sunday of Lent, Year C

March 24, 2019

That we may recognize the signs of the times,
the signs of God's Kingdom all around us,
breaking in and summoning us to a new way of life,
and that this life may be set loose in the world,
let us pray to the Lord singing/saying:

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

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Let us pray for the church throughout the world,
especially in those places where persecution is persistent.

Let us pray for the Anglican Communion,
especially the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
and its Primate, The Most Revd Paul Kwong.

Let us pray, too, for the congregations of this Diocese,
especially St. Thomas' Church, Bracebridge,
and St. Stephen's, Vankoughnet,
served by The Rev. Kelly Baetz,

The Rev. Margaret Morrison,

The Rev. Barbara Graham, and The Rev. Barbara Nangle.

(silence)

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

Let us pray for all those preparing for baptism
or for the renewal of baptismal vows, *especially N.*

(silence)

That God will shape them into signs of the Kingdom in our midst,
and, through them, inspire us in our faith,
we pray to the Lord: **/R/**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the earth, *especially N.*
(*silence*)

That the wealth of our world
may become a force for generosity rather than greed;
a source of hope rather than discontent;
an agent of friendship rather than enmity,
we pray to the Lord: */R/*

Let us pray for those who suffer sickness or need, *especially N.*
(*silence*)

That they may know God's healing embrace
through the compassion of many sisters and brothers,
we pray to the Lord: */R/*

Let us remember the dead, *especially N.*
(*silence*)

And that our lips may continually praise God in life and death,
we pray to the Lord: */R/*

The Presider or Intercessor concludes with the following Collect:

God of infinite goodness,
throughout the ages you have persevered
in claiming and reclaiming your people,
Renew for us your call to repentance,
surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey,
and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

March 31, 2019

Even before we turn to meet God's welcome,
the divine arms are open to accept us.

Even before the human heart is softened to repentance,
God invites all to know forgiveness.

Reconciled to God and one another by the mercy of Christ,
let us lift before God the needs of both church and world,
turning our hearts to God and singing/saying:

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

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1. God who makes us one through the waters of the Font,
we pray for the church of Christ throughout the world.
We pray for the Provinces of the Anglican Communion,
especially for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
and Archbishop James Richard Wong Yin Song.
We pray, too, for this Diocese of Algoma,
especially St. Brice's Church, North Bay,
served by The Rev. Dr. Peter Armstrong,
The Rev. John Stennett,
and The Venerable. Marie Loewen.

{pause for silent prayer}

That we may be signs and agents
of the reconciliation you accomplish in Christ,
we turn our hearts to you: **/R/**

2. God who pursues us in love, we pray for this congregation of *N.*,
for Anne, our Archbishop, and for *N.*, our Incumbent.
We pray, too, for all who prepare for baptism, *especially N.*,
or for the renewal of baptismal vows, *especially N.*

{pause for silent prayer}

Hold before us the image of our humanity created anew,
and that we may reflect your yearning love
in all our words and actions, we turn our hearts to you: **/R/**

3. Giver of peace, we pray for those who live or serve
in areas of warfare and arenas of conflict.
We pray especially for members of the Canadian Armed Forces,
diplomats, relief and human rights organizations,
and all who risk their lives in the cause of peace.
{pause for silent prayer}
And that you may quicken the hunger for concord and reconciliation
in our lives and in our world, we turn our hearts to you: **/R/**

4. Wellspring of freedom, we pray for those longing for deliverance
from fear or anxiety, sin or guilt, despair or discouragement,
illness or any other affliction, *especially N.*
{pause for silent prayer}
And that we may welcome gladly
all those for whom you prepare a feast, we turn our hearts to you: **/R/**

5. Ever Faithful One, in whom our future rests secure,
we remember before you those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and the departed whose faith is known to you alone.
We remember especially N.
{pause for silent prayer}
And that we may hold fast to the promise of life eternal,
we turn our hearts to you: **/R/**

The Presider or Intercessor concludes with the following Collect:

God of restless longing,
you await the return of the wayward and wandering
and eagerly embrace them in pardon.
Through baptism you have clothed us with the glory of Christ
and restored our inheritance.
Give us generous hearts to welcome all who seek a place
at the table of your unconditional love.
We ask this through your mercy made flesh, Jesus Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

April 7, 2019

That we may perceive the new thing God is about to do in our midst
and declare God's praise before the world,
let us pray to the Lord singing/saying:

"Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love."

"Remember, O Lord, your faithfulness and love."

Let us pray for the church throughout the world,
especially the Church of Ireland,
and its Primate, Archbishop Richard Lionel Clarke.
We pray for the congregations of St. Paul's, Wawa,
and All Saints', White River.

(silence)

That our Lenten observance may bring forth
a new springtime of faith in our lives,
we pray to the Lord: **/R/**

Let us pray for the youngest members of our congregation and Diocese,
especially N.

(silence)

That your people of every generation may grow
in their desire to know Christ and the power of his Resurrection,
we pray to the Lord: **/R/**

Let us pray for all who prepare for baptism
or for the renewal of baptismal vows at this Christian Passover,
especially N.

(silence)

That they will regard everything as loss
because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus as Lord,
we pray to the Lord: **/R/**

Let us pray for the nations of the earth, *especially N.*

(silence)

That the paths we walk will prove wide enough for all peoples –
for the homeless, aliens in flight,
prisoners, and those on the margins of society,
we pray to the Lord: **/R/**

Let us pray for those who suffer sickness or need, *especially N.*

(silence)

That all who sow in tears may reap with shouts of joy,
we pray to the Lord: **/R/**

Let us remember the dead, *especially N.*

(silence)

And that all who mourn
may be brought to the place of praise, joy, and laughter,
we pray to the Lord: **/R/**

The Presider or Intercessor concludes with the following Collect:

Creator God,
you prepare a new way in the wilderness
and your grace waters the desert.
Help us to recognize your hand
working miracles beyond our imagining.
Open our hearts to be transformed
by the new thing you are doing,
so that our lives may proclaim
the extravagance of your love for all,
and its presence in Jesus Christ the Lord.

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Sunday of the Passion, Year C

April 14, 2019

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, *especially N.*,
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/*

Joining with Anglicans around the world,
we pray for the peace of Jerusalem
as we lift up The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East,
and its Archbishop, Suheil Dawani.

Joining with Anglicans across this Diocese
in lifting up Archbishop Anne Germond,
The Rev. Pamela Rayment and Emmaus Church, Sault Ste. Marie,
Ms. Lana Grawbarger and St. John's, Garden River,
and Bishop Fauquier Memorial Chapel, Sault Ste. Marie,
we pray the story we celebrate this week
will take flesh in the life and witness of all the baptized,
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.