

If the Great Litany is used as the entrance rite at the Eucharist, the Prayers of the People and the Penitential Order are omitted.

Prayers of the People - Lent 1-C

In this holy fast of Lent, let us offer prayers to God who leads us through the wilderness and gives us water to drink, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that as we embrace prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we may learn anew that we do not live by bread alone. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this Parish Family, that the Spirit of God will lead us on our journey to freedom and wholeness of life as we face the trials and temptations of daily living. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who hunger and thirst for righteousness, that we may fast from evil and grow hungry for peace and justice. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who fear death, failure or an unknown future, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially (pause)..... that all we do may show God's care for them. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have died, remembering especially....., that they may find a place in the land flowing with milk and honey. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O Lord our God who made us in your image. Hear our prayers for all people and strengthen us by your Spirit that we may conquer every test and each temptation of the evil one. Glory to you for ever and ever. AMEN.

++ Liturgical Aids to Help Us Keep A Faithful Lent ++

++ Keep it simple. Remove all "extra" decorations, candles, flowers, flags, un-used furniture, etc.

Focus on the cross: if it is elaborate, veil it – it makes little sense to veil a crucifix or simple cross.

The mood created should be subdued and serious.

++ Silent processions (no singing, just enter and leave to the organ voluntary)

++ A Penitential Order (BCP, p. 351), The Great Litany, or even the Exhortation may be used as the entrance rite on the Sundays in Lent.

++ Omit **Gloria in excelsis** and **Alleluia** until the Great Vigil of Easter

++ Lent is an ideal time to introduce an increase of silence after the readings, the homily, and the breaking of the bread.

- ++ Some parishes display the Stations of the Cross in the nave during Lent. *The Book of Occasional Services* provides an order of service beginning on page. 57.
- ++ Use **Agnus Dei** (Lamb of God) at the Breaking of the Bread, or see *Wonder, Love and Praise* for additional settings.
Remember, this action takes place in silence.
- ++ Use a prayer “over the people” (*super populum*) in place of the traditional blessing.
See BOS, pp. 24-26.