ASH WEDNESDAY  A5

Priest Celebrant Be faithful to the gospel by praying for conversion of heart in one another, our Church, and the world:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

For the unity of the Church purchased by Jesus' Blood; for conversion of mind and heart in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us pray to the Lord:

For the catechumens our bishop and bishops the world over will call to the Easter Sacraments this coming Sunday, the First of Lent, let us pray to the Lord:

For our brothers and sisters preparing for Full Communion; for the many who look forward to Reconciliation, Confirmation, First Eucharist, Ordination, Matrimony, Religious Profession, let us pray to the Lord:

For the married, the engaged, the single; for consecrated religious; for our bishops, priests, deacons, and every servant of Christ's Body, let us pray to the Lord:

For the widowed, the separated, the divorced; for our sisters and brothers in vocational crisis, let us pray to the Lord:

For peace at home, in the Mid-East, central Asia, Africa, and the entire world; for the safety of military personnel and civilians, let us pray to the Lord:

For the protection of the unborn, the abused, and every defenseless human being, let us pray to the Lord:

For the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed; for prisoners, the addicted, and their families; for our sick and dying, let us pray to the Lord:

Priest Celebrant Have mercy on us, O lord, and wipe out our offenses. Create in us a new heart. Through Christ our Lord.
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT A5

For the Parish Celebration of Sending Catechumens for Election and/or of the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop, see R.C.I.A. No. 114 ff. and/or No. 543 ff.

Priest Celebrant  Brothers and sisters, let us now seek the grace and justification our Savior has gained for us:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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Cleanse the hearts of your faithful, and strengthen the shepherds of your Church.

Lord, have mercy:

Wash away our sin and guilt this Lent in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Christ, have mercy:

Grant the joy of salvation to the catechumens and candidates for full communion that, today, bishops the world over are calling to your Easter Sacraments.

Lord, have mercy:

Purify political and economic leaders of greed and self-interest, to be mindful of the poor, and so to serve the common good.

Christ, have mercy:

Be at the side of prisoners of war and victims of terror. Rescue the abused, the homeless, the refugee, the imprisoned.

Lord, have mercy:

Sustain the many who bear the brunt of natural disasters and the misuse of earth’s resources.

Christ, have mercy:

Keep in your presence our sisters and brothers who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [ ].

Lord, have mercy:

Reveal your fulness of life to [ , and to] everyone who has died this past week.

Christ, have mercy:

Priest Celebrant  Have mercy on us, O Lord, and wipe out our offenses. Open our lips, O Lord, and we shall proclaim your praise. Through Christ our Lord.
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT A5
Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election and/or Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop, R.C.I.A., No. 114 ff., 543 ff.

Priest Celebrant
Brothers and Sisters,
whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

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For the catechumens of our Church and [Arch]diocese [and _____________________________, of our parish], as today their bishops call them to the Easter Sacraments of Initiation, we pray, Lord, have mercy:

For their perseverance to be reborn in Jesus Christ, slain and risen; for their enlightenment and purification in Him this Lent, we pray, Christ, have mercy:

For their sponsors, godparents, families, and teachers, we pray, Lord, have mercy:

For [our parish’s Candidate(s) to Full Communion with the Catholic Church: _____________________________, and] the many who are looking forward to Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony, Holy Orders, we pray, Christ, have mercy:

For the renewal of the faithful in prayer, penance and alms-giving this Lent, we pray, Lord, have mercy:

For the resolution of conflicts in our own country and everywhere in the world, we pray, Christ, have mercy:

For our sick [ ], we pray, Lord, have mercy:

For [ , and] everyone who has died this week, we pray, Christ, have mercy:

Priest Celebrant
Father of love and power, whose will it is to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into his all-embracing love, guide _____________________________ in the days and weeks ahead: strengthen him/her/them in his/her/their vocation, build him/her/them into the kingdom of your Son, and seal him/her/them with the Spirit of your promise. Through Christ our Lord.
The eyes of the Lord are upon us, who hope for his kindness:

An optional Lenten response has the assembly repeat “Lord/Christ, have mercy” after the reader; but the petitions can conclude “let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer."

That the Word and Law of Jesus transfigure his Church each day of Lent, we pray Lord, have mercy:

That our brothers and sisters called to the Easter Sacraments last Sunday find support in the community life, prayer, and example of their parishes, we pray Christ, have mercy:

That God's own justice and compassion find embodiment in the labors and decisions of elected officials and of public servants, we pray Lord, have mercy:

That Jew, Christian, and Muslim submit to the peace of our one Father, we pray Christ, have mercy:

That the victims of war, ethnic cleansing, genocide, religious persecution soon come to know the blessings of healing, justice, and freedom, we pray Lord, have mercy:

That the gospel command to set aside fear sustain the victims of verbal, physical, sexual abuse; that it strengthen their families and everyone who attends to them, we pray Christ, have mercy:

That our sick come to know the healing power of the Cross, we pray Lord, have mercy:

That everyone who has died recently arise in Christ’s Kingdom of light, we pray Christ, have mercy:

Father, let your kindness be upon us, who put our hope in you. Through Christ our Lord.
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, PENITENTIAL RITE  A5
See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 464 ff.

Priest Celebrant  The Holy Spirit now summons us to speak to our Father
in, with, and through Christ Jesus, the Lord:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

An optional Lenten response has the assembly repeat "Lord/Christ, have mercy" after the
reader; but the petitions can conclude "… let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer:"

For the successors of Peter and the Apostles;
for our priests, deacons, and all servants of Christ’s people,
let us pray Lord, have mercy:

For the Church’s Elect worldwide [in particular ],
let us pray Christ, have mercy:

For [ and]
the many Candidates to Full Communion,
let us pray Lord, have mercy:

For our brothers and sisters preparing for Confirmation, Eucharist,
Reconciliation, Holy Orders, Matrimony,
let us pray Christ, have mercy:

For our catechists and teachers of Christian Doctrine;
for progressive awareness of God through prayer, the arts and sciences,
let us pray Lord, have mercy:

For the hungry and deprived whom our Lenten sacrifices serve,
let us pray Christ, have mercy:

For local and national leaders and the quest for peace in the Middle East,
Central Asia, Africa, and wherever war holds sway;
for the safety of civilians and the military,
let us pray Lord, have mercy:

For our sick and injured [ ],
let us pray Christ, have mercy:

For [ ],
the war dead, and everyone else who has died recently,
let us pray Lord, have mercy:

Priest Celebrant  Let us bow in worship to our God,  
who shepherds and guides his flock:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

*An alternate Lenten response has the assembly repeat “Lord/Christ, have mercy” after the reader; but the petitions can conclude “… let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.”*

For our Holy Father and his brother bishops, priests, deacons;  
for consecrated religious, and the whole people of Christ,  
we pray **Lord, have mercy:**

For everyone who labors for Christian unity and religious tolerance,  
we pray **Christ, have mercy:**

For the elect called to rebirth in the coming Easter sacraments;  
for candidates to the sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance,  
Holy Orders, Matrimony,  
we pray **Lord, have mercy:**

For our president and governor, legislators, judges, and public servants,  
we pray **Christ, have mercy:**

For stability in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and wherever chaos reigns;  
for civilians and the military; for the war dead and their survivors,  
we pray **Lord, have mercy:**

For the recovery of the injured, the addicted, the imprisoned;  
for our sisters and brothers abused in body, mind, or spirit;  
for the conversion of any heart enslaved to the culture of death,  
we pray **Christ, have mercy:**

For our sick, their doctors, nurses, and care-givers,  
we pray **Lord, have mercy:**

For [ ], and all]  
our beloved dead,  
we pray **Christ, have mercy:**

Priest Celebrant  Into our hearts, Father,  
pour the love of your Holy Spirit,  
the love your Son gained for us on his Cross.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Priest Celebrant  Let us pray for the elect whom the Church has called. May they complete their long preparation, to discover Christ in his sacraments at the Easter Vigil:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

That Lent immerse our bishops, priests, deacons, and all Christ’s people always deeper into Jesus Christ Slain and Arisen, let us pray to the Lord:

That national leaders foster the physical, spiritual, and moral progress of their peoples, let us pray to the Lord:

That, like the woman of Samaria, the elect review their lives before Christ and acknowledge their sins, let us pray to the Lord:

That the desire of _____________________________ for the living water of Baptism, the aroma of the Holy Spirit, and the Body and Blood of Christ intensify through Lent, let us pray to the Lord:

That with Jesus, the one Teacher, the elect proclaim the Father in spirit and in truth, let us pray to the Lord:

That _____________________________ always share with friend and neighbor the wonder of meeting Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

That our sick take courage in Jesus’ sufferings [ ], let us pray to the Lord:

That [ , and all] our recent departed arise in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:

The celebrant faces the elect and imparts the first exorcism. See R.C.I.A., No. 154.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  A5

When the Second Scrutiny is observed, see Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 153 ff.

Priest Celebrant  As children of light, let us pray to produce every kind of goodness, righteousness, and truth:

An optional Lenten response has the assembly repeat "Lord/Christ, have mercy" after the reader; but the petitions can conclude "For this we pray: Lord, hear our prayer."

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

For the Church and her shepherds;
for her fruitful proclamation of Jesus Christ Slain and Arisen, we pray Lord, have mercy:

For the elect called to Easter Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist; for their illumination and purification this Lent and their entire lives, we pray Christ, have mercy:

For our sisters and brothers who are preparing for Full Communion; for the many other candidates to Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, we pray Lord, have mercy:

For civic leaders and public servants dedicated to truth and the common good; for honesty and mutual support between employers and employees, we pray Christ, have mercy:

For justice in Syria and wherever oppression holds sway; for the restoration of refugees to their rightful homelands and homes, we pray Lord, have mercy:

For the blind and everyone who struggles with declining vision, we pray Christ, have mercy:

For the many who bear Jesus’ suffering in body, mind, and spirit [among whom are ], we pray Lord, have mercy:

For our deceased of this past week [in particular ], we pray Christ, have mercy:

Priest Celebrant  Awaken us, Father, in the light of your Christ. Save us from the fruitless works of darkness, to live as your children of light. Through Christ our Lord.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: SECOND SCRUTINY  A5
See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 167 ff.

Priest Celebrant

Let us pray that ____________________________________________,
and everyone elected to Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
at the coming Easter Vigil, remain faithful, giving witness to eternal life:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

That ____________________________________________,
whom [Arch]bishop ___________________________ has elected for initiation,
press forward to Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil,
let us pray to the Lord:

That, freed from fear by the Holy Spirit, he/she/they - and the Elect worldwide -
live forever in the truth of Christ, rooted in the Easter Sacraments,
let us pray to the Lord:

That he/she/they seek only what is just and holy,
let us pray to the Lord:

That everyone who yearns for life eternal hear and respond to the Gospel,
let us pray to the Lord:

That the entire Church embrace renewal through sacramental Reconciliation
and Lenten prayer, fasting, and alms-giving,
let us pray to the Lord:

That our country remain faithful to its fundamental religious freedom,
let us pray to the Lord:

That [ , and all] our sick be one with Jesus, who has suffered with and for us,
let us pray to the Lord:

That [ , and all] our deceased arise in Christ Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord:

The Celebrant faces the elect and imparts the Second Exorcism.

See R.C.I.A., No. 168
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT A5

Priest Celebrant  Cry out to the Lord,  
who is attentive to our pleading:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

An optional Lenten response has the assembly repeat “Lord/Christ, have mercy” after the reader; but the petitions can conclude “For this we pray: Lord, hear our prayer.”

Raise your Church in the Spirit, Lord, as witness to your Death and Resurrection.  
Lord, have mercy:

Bring the elect to your saving water, to die and arise in you.  
Anoint them with your Spirit, to feast at your table.  
Christ, have mercy:

Complete the sacred birth into your Body of candidates for Full Communion,  
and of our young preparing for Confirmation and Holy Communion.  
Lord, have mercy:

Unite at your one table the many who claim your name.  
Christ, have mercy:

Keep world leaders focused on peace in Syria, all the Near and Mid-East,  
Africa, and every distressed part of the world.  
Lord, have mercy:

Convert the heart that would abuse any human being.  
Sustain your servants of the sick and dying; of the homeless, the refugee;  
of the addicted, the imprisoned.  
Christ, have mercy:

Lift up our sisters and brothers who suffer in body, mind, or spirit  
[  
].  
Lord, have mercy:

Raise up in your own Resurrection [  
, and]  
everyone who has died this past week.  
Christ, have mercy:

Priest Celebrant  O Lord, forgive us our sins, and redeem us from iniquity.  
In You, we trust – in You,  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: THIRD SCRUTINY A5

See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 174 ff.

Priest Celebrant Let us pray for _____________________________, and all God’s elect, to be one with Christ’s Passion and Resurrection in Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist and so to triumph over the bitter fate of death:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

That _____________________________________________________________ always acknowledge Christ as the resurrection and the life, let us pray to the Lord:

That he/she/they be freed from sin and grow in holiness to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

That he/she/they be filled with the hope of the life-giving Spirit, to prepare for birth into the life of Christ himself, let us pray to the Lord:

That the Eucharist he/she/they will soon receive deepen his/her/their union with Christ, Sunday by Sunday, throughout life, let us pray to the Lord:

That the entire Church walk with him/her/them in repentance and newness of life, showing the world the saving power of the Risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

That the peoples of the world embrace God’s gift of peace and share the blessings of creation, let us pray to the Lord:

That our sick [ ] find solace in the Cross, let us pray to the Lord:

That [ , and all] our dead arise in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

The Celebrant faces the elect and imparts the Third Scrutiny.

See R.C.I.A., No. 175.
Because of Christ’s piety, his Father will provide us with every good thing:

For our Father, Pope ______________, and his brother bishops, priests, and deacons, as they immerse us in the coming celebration of the Paschal Mystery, let us pray to the Lord:

For the elect called to the Easter Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist; for candidates to Confirmation and First Communion, let us pray to the Lord:

For reconciliation, healing, and peace through the Sacrament of Penance, let us pray to the Lord:

For the return to Catholic practice of our inactive brothers and sisters, let us pray to the Lord:

For the unity of Christians; for our Jewish brothers and sisters at Passover, let us pray to the Lord:

For our legislators and judges, our president, governor, mayor, and public servants, let us pray to the Lord:

For the military; for victims and prisoners of war; for peace in threatened lands and an end to terrorism, persecution, genocide, let us pray to the Lord:

For our parishioners and everyone else who bears the Cross of suffering [ ], let us pray to the Lord:

For our deceased, [today especially ], let us pray to the Lord:

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: by his Cross, strengthen us to proclaim him as Lord, and to empty ourselves in your service. Through Christ our Lord.