

## ASH WEDNESDAY, C4

### **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 First Sunday of Lent,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For our brothers and sisters preparing for Full Communion;  
for those 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, and deacons,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For the widowed, the separated, the divorced;  
for anyone in vocational crisis,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For peace at home, in the Mid-East, central Asia,  
north Africa, and the whole 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, C4

**Priest Celebrant**

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

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader**

*An optional Lenten response repeats, **Lord/Christ, have mercy**, after the reader; but the petitions can conclude with the usual, "... let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer."*

For Pope \_\_\_\_\_, our [Arch]Bishop \_\_\_\_\_ and their brother bishops;  
for our priests, deacons, and all servants of Christ's people,  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy**:

For the catechumens and candidates whom, today, their bishops  
are calling to Easter Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist,  
(in particular, our parishioners: \_\_\_\_\_),  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy**:

For the single, the engaged and the married;  
for candidates to the diaconate, priesthood, consecrated life,  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy**:

For the unity of Christians;  
for healing among the children of Abraham: Jews, Christians, Muslims,  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy**:

For consistent Lenten renewal in prayer, penance, and alms-giving,  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy**:

For the armed forces; for peace at home and abroad,  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy**:

For [ \_\_\_\_\_ ], and all] our sick,  
we pray, **Lord, have mercy**:

For everyone who has died this week [in particular \_\_\_\_\_ ],  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy**:

**Priest Celebrant**

To you we cry out, Father,  
who have raised Christ Jesus from the dead.  
Save us in him, to proclaim this Good News  
today, throughout Lent, now and for ever.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, C4

Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election and  
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**

*An optional Lenten response repeats "Lord/Christ, have mercy" after the reader; but the petitions can conclude with the usual "... let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer."*

[For the catechumen(s) of our parish: \_\_\_\_\_;]  
for the catechumens of our diocese and of the Church universal, 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 Candidates to Full Communion with the Catholic Church:  
\_\_\_\_\_, and]  
for all candidates to Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony, Holy Orders,  
we pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

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

For the safe return of the armed forces; for peace at home and abroad,  
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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, C4

**Priest Celebrant** The Beloved Son summons us  
to speak to His Father with, in, and through Him:

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader**

*An optional Lenten response repeats, **Lord/Christ, have mercy**, after the reader; but the petitions can conclude with the usual, "... let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer."*

For the successors of Peter and the Apostles;  
for our priests, deacons, and all ministers of Christ's Body,  
let us pray, **Lord, have mercy**:

For the Elect and for Candidates to Full Communion;  
for candidates to Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist,  
Holy Orders, Matrimony,  
let us pray, **Christ, have mercy**:

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

For the hungry whom our Lenten sacrifices feed;  
for the many who are suffering from storms, floods, and other disasters,  
let us pray: **Christ, have mercy**:

For local and national leaders and the quest for peace;  
for the relief of civilians and the military in war-torn places,  
let us pray, **Lord, have mercy**:

For our police, fire-fighters, first responders, and all public servants,  
let us pray, **Christ, have mercy**:

For our sick [ ];  
for the many who take care of them,  
let us pray, **Lord, have mercy**:

For [ ],  
the war dead, and everyone else who has died this week,  
let us pray, **Christ, have mercy**:

**Priest Celebrant** Hear, O Lord, the sound of our call.  
Have pity on us, and answer us,  
our Lord and God, now and for ever.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, C4 PENITENTIAL RITE

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 repeats, **Lord/Christ, have mercy**, after the reader; but the petitions can conclude with the usual, "... let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer."*

For the successors of Peter and the Apostles  
for our priests, deacons, and all ministers of Christ's people,  
let us pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

For the Church's Elect [in particular \_\_\_\_\_ ],  
let us pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

For [ \_\_\_\_\_ , and]  
all 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 this week,  
let us pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

**Priest Celebrant** PRAYER OVER THE CANDIDATES See R.C.I.A., No. 470.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, C4

**Priest Celebrant** Look to the Lord, who is merciful and gracious:

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader**

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

Enliven your Church, Father, to praise you, the All-Holy One,  
the Son you have sent, and the Spirit of your abiding love.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Open our hearts to every child as the fruit of your creation.  
Open our minds to every person as the fruit of your redemption.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Guide governments to work for your blessings of  
employment and housing, education and health-care.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Rescue civilians and the military from the horrors of war in Israel, Palestine,  
Syria, Iraq, and every agonized land.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Strengthen us to bear the Cross with our brothers and sisters  
who are suffering natural disasters, violence, terrorism.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Sustain the imprisoned – especially any falsely accused –  
the addicted, their families, and everyone who serves them.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Confirm the hope of our sick [ ].

**Lord, have mercy:**

Redeem the lives of the war dead, and of all our recent deceased  
[in particular ],

**Christ, have mercy:**

**Priest Celebrant** Father, make known to us your ways. Through Christ our  
Lord.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, C4: FIRST SCRUTINY**  
See Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, No. 153 ff.

**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 enrich our bishops, priests, deacons, and all Christ's people,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That national leaders work together, to achieve peace  
and to foster the physical, intellectual 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]  
everyone who has died recently, 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, C4

**Priest Celebrant**

Seek the Lord, who hears us  
and delivers us from every fear:

**Deacon/Cantor/Reader:**

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

Lord, strengthen the elect you have chosen for the initiation of  
Easter Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.  
Sustain all our sisters and brothers who are preparing for the Easter sacraments.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Reconcile the members of your Church with you and with one another.  
Make us channels of your peace.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Reconcile the peoples of the Near-East: Jew, Christian, Muslim.  
Heal the wounds of intolerance, bigotry, and racism in us all.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Heal the estrangements within our families, neighborhoods, work places.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Transform any misuse of your gifts on our part into sharing your blessings  
of food and housing, health and education.

**Lord, have mercy:**

Guide the leaders of nations in your way of peace.  
Relieve our armed forces and the victims of war and exploitation.

**Christ, have mercy:**

Ease the pains of everyone who bears the Cross of Jesus

[

**Lord, have mercy:**

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Let [

the war dead, and all our recent deceased glorify you in eternity.

**Christ, have mercy:**

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**Priest Celebrant**

O Lord, our God and Father,  
who have reconciled us in Christ your Son,  
keep us faithful to your ministry of reconciliation,  
for the glory of your Name and life in you,  
now and for ever.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, C4: SECOND SCRUTINY

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 all the Elect - live  
forever in the truth of Christ, rooted in these 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 else 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 principle of  
religious freedom,  
let us pray to the Lord:

That our sick be one with Jesus [ \_\_\_\_\_ ],  
let us pray to the Lord:

That [ \_\_\_\_\_ , and all]  
our deceased arise in Christ,  
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, C4

**Priest Celebrant** Turn to the Lord with all your hearts.  
Turn to the Lord, who is gracious and merciful:

### Deacon/Cantor/Reader

*An optional Lenten response repeats, **Lord/Christ, have mercy**, after the reader; but the petitions can conclude with the usual, "... let us pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer."*

That our Holy Father \_\_\_\_\_ know the whole Church's support in prayer and sacrifice, conversion and evangelization, let us pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

That our brothers and sisters called to Easter Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist live out Jesus' Death and Resurrection daily, let us pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

That the members of Christ's Body embrace the Cross in the sacrament of Penance and in day-to-day living, let us pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

That the single, the engaged, the married, the widowed, the ordained and the consecrated support one another's vocations, let us pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

That repentance heal ethnic, religious, and political strife; that it relieve the sufferings of civilians, and hasten the return of our military, let us pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

That governments protect all human life and its environment, let us pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

That our sick [ ] respond to Jesus' healing presence, let us pray, **Lord, have mercy:**

That [ ], and all] our deceased arise in Christ's glory, let us pray, **Christ, have mercy:**

**Priest Celebrant** Accept our grateful praise, Father, who have redeemed us in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, now and for ever.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, C4: THIRD SCRUTINY

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.*

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, C4

**Priest Celebrant** Because of Christ's piety,  
his Father will provide us with every good thing:

### Deacon/Cantor/Reader

For our Father \_\_\_\_\_, 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,  
let us pray to the Lord:

For our parishioners and everyone else who bears the Cross in body,  
mind, spirit [ \_\_\_\_\_ ],  
let us pray to the Lord:

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

**Priest Celebrant** 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.