

First Sunday of Lent (10 March 2019)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for the church throughout the world, her people and her pastors; for the healing of divisions among Christians, and for continued cooperation and dialogue between communities of faith and goodwill ... we pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for patience and cooperation between nations and cultures; for the safety of families facing political oppression and danger; and for compassion for the poor, the refugee, and the despairing ... we pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those in prison; those struggling with addiction to drugs, alcohol, gambling, technology, or pornography; those confined to the prison of shame, hate, anger, and prejudice; and for healing for all victims ... we pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for ourselves as we begin our Lenten journey; for strength to resist temptation that damages our relationship with God and with our neighbor; for healing and the rebuilding of broken relationships ... we pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for greater appreciation for God's goodness that flows through all creation; for the protection of Earth's blessings for the sake of our children; and for a deeper awareness of the sacredness of all life ... we pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for first responders who serve those in trouble; for those suffering from seasonal flu, chronic pain, and mental health issues; for the homebound, the disabled, and those in nursing or hospice care; we pray also for Bill Toomy; Sharon McHale; John Butler; John Collins; Judy Boyd;

... trusting in God's power to heal and save ... we pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for all who have died, and those who will die alone today; for their loved ones who grieve; and for victims of war, random violence, and natural disaster; we pray also for Andrew Bissonette; Charles Liebal; Ken Kramer; Richard Olmscheid;
Donna Haney—mother of Amanada Showker; Olivia Chaparro;
Deacon Gordon Cartwright
... confident in the knowledge of God's abundant mercy ... we pray to the Lord.