



Repent, and believe in the Gospel

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return

*‘Now, now –it is the Lord who speaks-
come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.’*

Now is the favourable time: this is the day of salvation.

*Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving
Your Father, who sees all that is done in secret, will reward you.*



Lord, our God,
in every age you call a people
to hear your word and to do your will.
Renew us in these Lenten days:
washed clean of sin, sealed with your Spirit,
and sustained by your living word,
may we remain true to our calling and serve you alone.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you,
and the Holy Spirit,
God, now and for ever.
Amen.



Prayer of the Faithful

Presider: As we begin our Lenten journey to Easter, we place our needs and the needs of all God's people before the Lord.

- 1** We pray for all God's people as they keep this Ash Wednesday with renewed faith in God who calls us to reconciliation and repentance.
Lord, hear us.
- 2** We pray for all who are preparing for Baptism at this time, for our young people preparing for First Communion and Confirmation, that they may enjoy God's blessing and the support of their faith communities this Lent.
Lord, hear us.
- 3** We pray for all who are sick and are distressed in mind, body or spirit: that, under God's loving protection, they may be comforted by the care and compassion of those who surround them.
Lord, hear us.
- 4** We pray for all who are suffering through poverty, homelessness, loss of work, that they may experience peace, justice and hope through the care that is offered them.
Lord, hear us.
- 5** We pray for Awut and Ajak, their families, and the people of South Sudan, that, with the work of Trócaire and our support, their lives may be changed through justice, freedom and peace.
Lord, hear us.
- 6** We pray for our faithful departed, that they may enjoy eternal peace and rest. We remember all sisters and brothers who have died in this time of Covid-19 and for all who mourn the loss of loved one.
Lord, hear us.

Presider: Lord God, we ask you to receive our prayers and to answer them according to your great mercy. Grant us what we need at this time. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.