

MEETING AND PRAYER GUIDE

MARCH 1, 2023

The Second Wednesday of Lent



OPENING PRAYER

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

IN THIS SEASON OF LENT WE ASK FOR THE GRACE TO BE OPEN TO TRANSFORMATION: TO LOOK HARD AT WHAT IS LACKING IN OUR LIVES AND TO LET THE LAST WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS FILL OUR EMPTINESS WITH NEW PURPOSE.

REMOVE OUR HEARTS OF STONE AND GIVE US HEARTS OF FLESH TO FOLLOW THE LORD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS WITH JOY.

THIS WE ASK THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE FATHER, NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

“Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Lk 23:43

LINK TO THE VIDEO REFLECTION

<https://youtu.be/3TUI49yof4w>

At the bottom of the YouTube video screen, click "CC" to stop closed captioning.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is my purpose this Lent?
2. Am I more like the bad thief (the sarcastic, entitled victim) or the good thief (the humble person who recognizes his failings and seeks the Lord) in my daily life?

CLOSING PRAYER

LORD JESUS,

BLESS EACH OF US GATHERED HERE, AND THE MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILIES,
SO THAT WE MAY GROW IN VIRTUE AS YOUR DISCIPLES DURING THESE 40
DAYS OF LENT AND COME TO KNOW YOU BETTER AND LOVE YOU MORE.

FOR WHAT ELSE SHALL WE PRAY?

[SPONTANEOUS PRAYERS ARE WELCOME.]

FOR THESE SPOKEN PRAYERS AND THE UNSPOKEN INTENTIONS IN OUR
HEARTS, WE ASK THAT THEY BE GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOD'S
WILL, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.
AMEN.