



### ***We gather...***

O God, purify our lips that we may sing your praise. Saving God, come near to us. Give us new hearts that we may love as Jesus loved and bring healing to those who are fragile and afraid. We ask this through Jesus your Son. Amen.

### ***We listen...***

We are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you. "See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!"

2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Jesus said to his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?"

Luke 9:23-25

### ***We reflect and respond...***



## ***We ask...***

You invite us, O Christ, to journey with you through Lent. Through our prayer and reflection, may we uncover the deepest meaning of this holy season:

### **May we repent and live the Good News.**

Through this Lenten time, we are called to renewal:

Through this Lenten time, we are invited to deepen our prayer:

Through this Lenten time, we are urged to almsgiving:

Through this Lenten time, we are summoned to greater courage:

Through this Lenten time, we are encouraged to fast from self-gratification:

Through this Lenten time, we are forgiven so that we may forgive:

## ***We are sent forth...***

Animated by your gospel, O Christ, we accept the challenges of this holy season. Through its graces, may we take up our daily crosses with generosity, courage and love. May we draw near to you each day, preparing ourselves to live as people of resurrection. We ask this in your name, Jesus Christ, our model and guide. Amen.

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