

**Ash Wednesday**

**February 17, 2010**

**Series "C"**



**LECTIONARY TEXTS**

**RCL** (Revised Common Lectionary)

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa 58:1-12

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Cor 5:20b—6:10

Matt 6:1-6, 16-21

**Suggested ReClaim texts**  
(same)

**COLLECT / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and merciful God, you desire not the death of sinners, but that we turn from their waywardness and live. Create in us clean and contrite hearts, that acknowledging our sins and lamenting our wretchedness, we may receive from you, merciful Father, full remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**FOR THE SICK**

Almighty and everlasting God, the salvation of all who put their trust in you, hear our prayer for your servants who are ill, for whom we implore your help and mercy, that being restored to health, they may give you thanks and praise with your whole church.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR GRACE TO FOLLOW CHRIST**

Almighty God, you sent your Son to be the sacrifice for sin, and the example of a godly life. Enable us to receive always the benefits of his sacrifice with thanksgiving, and to follow the example of his most holy life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR REPENTANCE**

Merciful Father, may we never take for granted your forgiveness, or presume upon your mercy when we transgress; but whenever we offend may we truly repent and lament our sin and by a living faith, obtain remission of all our sins. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Almighty and everlasting God, by your great mercy in Jesus Christ, your Son, you have given us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Grant that your Holy Spirit may so rule in our hearts, that we may put to death all fleshly and worldly desires, and serve you in holiness and purity. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, be merciful to all, and when we reach our final hour, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection into your glory.

**Amen.**

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