

# PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT [YEAR B]

**Celebrant:** Let us turn in trust and confidence to the Lord,  
whose ways are faithfulness and love.

Together we pray, saying: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

1. That those who have made a covenant with God in baptism,  
and those preparing to be baptized at Easter  
may be guided by the Church, the new Ark,  
in the way of repentance, faith and salvation.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

2. That leaders and nations  
may embrace God's covenant of justice and peace.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

3. That those troubled by doubt, temptation, fear or sickness  
may be strengthened by the Lord  
and looked after by his angels.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

4. That we might seek this Lent  
to renew our covenant relationship with God  
and nourish it  
by prayer, Scripture, self-denial and charity.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

5. That the departed  
who were cleansed in the waters of baptism,  
may be liberated from the bonds of sin and death  
and raised to new life in the spirit.

Let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** *Lord, hear our prayer*

**Celebrant:**

Merciful Father,  
hear the prayers of your Church,  
on its Lenten pilgrimage.  
Renew in us the grace of your covenant,  
so that we may renounce the power of evil,  
and follow you with obedient trust.

Through Christ our Lord. **Response:** *Amen.*