

PRIEST: As we begin our Lenten journey we turn with confidence to God our Father asking for his help as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection at Easter.

READER: **For the whole Church,
that all who follow Christ will keep Lent well
and come to the Feast of Easter with hearts and minds renewed.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our world, that slavery and injustice everywhere be ended.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all those seeking full communion with the Church,
especially those who will be received this Easter,
that they may be guided by our example of faith.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For ourselves, that we will each seek to renew ourselves spiritually
through the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all the sick and suffering, the homeless and the housebound,
that they will be comforted by the healing touch of Christ.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father
in every age you call a people to hear your word and to do your will.
Open our eyes to your deeds and our ears to the sound of your call
so that our every act may increase our sharing in the new life you offer to us
We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.