

Year A – First Sunday of Lent

Brothers and sisters, as children of God, we place all our trust in Him alone. Mindful of His care for us, let us pray with confidence for our needs and those of the whole world.

That the Gospel message of salvation through Christ alone may reach the ends of the earth.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That government leaders may realize that their authority comes from God alone and is to be used for the protection of those they govern and not personal gain.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That we may see the image of God in every individual, especially the poor, the addicted, the homeless and the marginalized.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That during this Lenten season we may examine our conscience and repent and amend our lives wherever necessary.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That we may be good stewards of all God's creation.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

That we may be a grateful people, thankful for all that God has done for us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For our own special intentions. **(Pause)**

Lord in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, through Your Holy Spirit, You have given us the power to live a holy life. Hear our prayer and give us the grace to avoid occasions of sin and remain faithful to Your Word. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.