

Prayers of the Faithful
February 20 – 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

Presider: Let us humbly turn to our God for forgiveness, help and strength.

Lector:

That the leaders and members of our Church may repent of past sins and failings in order to believe in the Gospel and embrace it more fully, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That as we continue Black History month we may come to appreciate the need for repentance and reparations for the evils of slavery and all forms of racism and white supremacy, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all peoples of the world may become better stewards of creation and ambassadors of peace, justice and reconciliation, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That rainbows may remind us of how enriched our world, nation and church are because of our diversity so that we may remain united in heart and mind amidst all of our diversity, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our Rite of Election this weekend for our catechumens and candidates may help them to feel ever more deeply a part of the Church, the People of God, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That this Lenten season may be a time of spiritual renewal and growth for our newly elect and our entire parish community, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer**

That the sick, the dying, those who mourn and all those in need of our prayers among them Miles Tanvir may come to know the healing and saving power of Christ, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our beloved dead, among them Carmella Tobin, James & Catherine Solano, Joseph Solano, Edward Tobin, Joseph Fortino, Estelle D. Unni, Josephine Capobianco, Aquileo Vivas, and Lucrecia Aquilar may come into the fullness of God's kingdom, we pray...**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider: God of the desert, help us to live through times of spiritual and emotional dryness, temptation and testing, so that we might grow strong in proclaiming and living the Gospel truths of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**