

*Let us come before God in this Lententide, praising and blessing and adoring our everliving God, saying: **Lord have mercy.***

O God, who spoke through the prophets and who lives in the only begotten one, show to your church all things. Make us hear your purpose and receive your grace; confirm in your truth all the baptized, especially Todd our bishop, Robert, Tanya, and Tianna our priests, Tom and Stephanie our deacons, and all bishops and clergy, theologians and teachers, mystics and martyrs. We pray to you Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord of promise and deliverance, we thank you for birthing us in the waters of baptism and for drowning our death in your unending life. We beg that your love well up within us, that our whole lives may worship you. We pray to you Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

God of the people of Israel, Sovereign of every nation, grant your vision of mercy and justice to all who rule in the earth especially King Charles, the Prime Minister, and all the leaders of the world. Prosper the labors of those seeking peace. Assist all who work for reconciliation in the streets. We pray to you Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

O Holy One with pierced limbs and side, bind us to all those who suffer. Keep us mindful of all innocent victims, all the oppressed, and all the dying. Reveal to us those who are despised, the outcast, the alien, the forlorn. Look upon the sick and those in need of our prayers especially **Rob, Jean & Gary, Andrea, Heather, Celal, Pat, Mary Louise, Sue, Silvana, Jill, Kelly, Beulah and Hadley.** Summon us to restlessness until all who suffer find rest from their sorrow. We pray to you Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

*God of Abraham and Sarah, the great I AM, we give you thanks for the signs of your radiant presence in the faith of our forebears. Bless us with awe to receive their testimony. Change us by the gift of faith for our life's journey, until we behold face to face your glorious beauty, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.***