



Franciscan Action Network

Transforming the World in the Spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare

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Community Resources for 1st Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2010

EVENING PRAYER I

Intercession:

You emptied yourself to share our humanity,
--humble us to share your sacrificial love with all your creatures.

MORNING PRAYER

Intercession:

Jesus, you were tempted to satisfy your hunger through earthly power,
--by our submission to God's sovereignty, heal our relationships with created goods.

EVENING PRAYER II

Intercession:

Christ's wounds have healed us of our sins against you, one another, and the earth,
--may we die to unjust practices and behold a new creation in you.

AT MASS: FOR THE ASSEMBLY

When you bless yourself with holy water this first Sunday and each Sunday of Lent, recall the baptism in Sister Water which brought you into the community of faith, and thank God for the opportunity to offer praise and worship as the human voice of creation.

When you leave the sanctuary, bless yourself with holy water as you go forth to live out Christ's ministry of life and love in caring for all that God has made.

AT MASS: PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Lector: As Christ emptied himself to share our humanity, may we humbly share his sacrificial love with all of God's creatures.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: As Christ resisted the temptations of earthly power, may our imitation of his submission to God's sovereignty heal our relationships with created goods.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: By dying to unjust practices that harm the earth, may we behold a new creation.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

AT MASS: FOR CLERGY

CONCLUDING RITE

GREETING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

BLESSING

Prayer over the people

Priest (or Deacon): Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Lord,

As we leave this place of worship, we bless ourselves with the holy water of our baptism, which brought us into your family. May this water remind us of our call to share your life and love with all of creation.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Priest (or Deacon): Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BULLETIN TEXT

This Lent, Behold a New Creation

The Franciscan Action Network invites you to experience renewal in your relationships with God's creation this Lent. Reflections on the Sunday readings and suggestions for the practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help prepare for the re-commitment to your baptismal calling at Easter. Sign up to receive the weekly resource by email at www.franciscanaction.org, or view resources at www.franciscanaction.org/lent2010