

Universal Prayer 5:00 pm and 11:00 am

Presider: As the season of Lent nears its conclusion and we look ahead to holy Week, let us place our prayers and petitions before our Lord who suffered, died, and rose to new life.

- From our inability to let God unbind us from stress and anxiety...deliver us, O God
- From the bondage of our expectations and attitudes of entitlement...deliver us, O God
- From the lack of courage and fear of rejection that hold us back from reaching out to others...deliver us, O God
- From our negative attitudes and misplaced blame toward others...deliver us, O God
- From the bondage of greed when others continue to go without basic needs...deliver us, O God
- From our inability to let go of past mistakes...deliver us, O God
- In our desire to nurture others with kind words and actions...strengthen us, O God
- In our longing to surrender our problems to the Lord...strengthen us, O God
- In our yearning to die to self so that we might rise to new life...strengthen us, O God

Presider: God of Life, your Son raised Lazarus from the dead so that all might come to know your saving power. Hear our prayers that we, along with all peoples of the world, might enjoy the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen