

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**  
**March 5, Ash Wednesday**

May we, your Church, return to you with our whole heart, trusting in your mercy and knowing that you love us. **God of mercy and compassion, we pray.**

May your love, through us, overcome the hatred and division present in our nation and in today's world. **God of mercy and compassion, we pray.**

Help us to work together now, to be your love in the world, including being generous in helping and sharing with those in need. **God of mercy and compassion, we pray.**

We ask your blessings on our community as we share in marking this Holy Lenten season. May we imitate Jesus in every present moment. **God of mercy and compassion, we pray.**

Give us the grace during this Lent to humbly give ourselves to you again. **God of mercy and compassion, we pray.**

We pray for all those who are sick and those who have died. **God of mercy and compassion, we pray.**

For the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts. **God of mercy and compassion, we pray.**