

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
March 8-9, First Sunday of Lent

In this season of Lent, let us turn in gratitude and awe to you, our mighty God who continues to hold us in your loving arms and to provide courageous leaders to teach us your ways. **God of all love, we pray.**

For our world: may people of goodwill – of all persuasions – join together to protect the vulnerable. **God of all love, we pray.**

We pray for hearts to hear your Word beneath the roar of our fears, and for eyes to see the path of humility, grace and surrender so often hidden by our pride and need to control. **God of all love, we pray.**

O God, we know you are present in all of us, accompanying us and protecting us along the way. Set us free from all that binds us and help us to live in a spirit of gratitude and love. **God of all love, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick including Pope Francis. We pray also for all those who have died. May their souls rest in peace. **God of all love, we pray.**

We lift up to you the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **God of all love, we pray.**