

Prayers of the People: Lent, Year C

The refrain can be spoken or sung

Leader O God, you are our God; eagerly we seek you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Guide us with your mighty hand and outstretched arm.

Soloist Jesus Christ, Son of God,
All **Guide us in wisdom.**
Guide us in truth.
Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for your church throughout the world [for ___ in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer; for ___ in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; for Greg our Bishop and Michael our Presiding Bishop]. With Christ as the rock beneath our feet and our citizenship assured in heaven, help us who bear your name to live with integrity, bringing forth fruit to nourish this hungry world.

Soloist Jesus Christ, Son of God,
All **Guide us in wisdom.**
Guide us in truth.
Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for this nation [, for ____] and for all the nations of your world; wherever we are living in righteousness, strengthen us; wherever we have lost our way, guide us and make us repentant that we may find the way we should go.

Soloist Jesus Christ, Son of God,
All **Guide us in wisdom.**
Guide us in truth.
Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for your world that is fractured by greed and fear, and by privilege and discrimination; through your Christ make us one with yourself, not counting our trespasses, but grafting us to your gospel of reconciliation that we, your image bearers, might be transformed into the righteousness of God.

Soloist Jesus Christ, Son of God,
All **Guide us in wisdom.**
Guide us in truth.
Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for [City name] and all who have made this their home; create in us a spirit of true community where we, like you, would seek one another's safety and nurture, as a hen who gathers her brood under the shadow of her wing.

Soloist Jesus Christ, Son of God,
All **Guide us in wisdom.**

Guide us in truth.
Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for our family, friends and neighbors who are laboring beneath burdens too heavy to bear: for refugees and immigrants, for those without homes or adequate employment, for respectable households concealing domestic violence or addiction; merciful God, join our eyes, our hearts and our hands to yours, that together we may provide them a way out and give them strength to endure.

Soloist Jesus Christ, Son of God,
All **Guide us in wisdom.**
Guide us in truth.
Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for all those who have asked us to pray: _____.
For whom else shall we pray? *Pause*
Forge for them a way through the wilderness; be for them a river in the desert.

Soloist Jesus Christ, Son of God,
All **Guide us in wisdom.**
Guide us in truth.
Guide us in love.

Leader We pray for those who have died, [remembering especially _____]; may everything that has passed away be gathered into Christ's new creation, that all may see your goodness in the land of the living.

Soloist Jesus Christ, Son of God,
All **Guide us in wisdom.**
Guide us in truth.
Guide us in love.

Soloist 1 Join me in wisdom.
Join me in truth.
Join me in love.

Soloist 2 I am your wisdom.
I am your truth.
I am your love.

The Celebrant concludes:

Gracious God, our refuge and stronghold, the God in whom we put our trust; guide your people through our Lenten wilderness, have mercy on us and answer us as we call, though Christ the Lord of all, who is generous to everyone who calls upon him. **Amen.**