

*The Collects taken from the Liberal Catholic liturgy and rendered into gender-neutral, modern language by the MESFC as an alternative form.*

## **Lent**

**The First Day of Lent** *anciently called Ash Wednesday* (and every day in Lent, after the collect appointed for the day)

P. Precede us, Most High, in all our doings with Your most gracious favour, and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy Name. In Christ's name we pray. **R/. Amen**

### **First Sunday in Lent**

P. Sovereign Christ, who for our solace hast appointed divers seasons unto Your Church, grant us so justly to examine ourselves that, discerning clearly our faults, we may truly amend them, and thus prepare ourselves fitly to celebrate Your holy Feast of Easter, O risen Christ, to whom be praise and adoration for evermore

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

P. O God, who unto us alone hast given the power of speech wherewith to praise You, grant that our hearts may be so filled with love and wisdom that we may speak evil of no us, but evermore glorify Your holy Name; in Christ's name we pray.

### **Third Sunday in Lent**

P. O God, who know all things, and are therefore all-forgiving, grant us grace so to look upon the hearts of our sisters and brothers that we may never fail in understanding and compassion; through Christ the Monarch of love, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, throughout all ages of ages.

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent (Refreshment Sunday)**

P. Almighty God, who are unto Your people a Fountain of Wisdom, a Tower of Strength, and an ever-shining Sun of Beauty and Harmony, grant that we may so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries of the Passion and the Resurrection that we may ever be refreshed by the continual outpouring of Your power from on high; in Christ's name we pray.

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)**

P. Sovereign Christ, who did lay aside Your glory, and take upon You the earthly robe of mortal flesh, we pray for wisdom to avoid the specious snare of pride, and ever to walk humbly and heedfully in Your sight; who live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Ghost throughout all ages of ages.