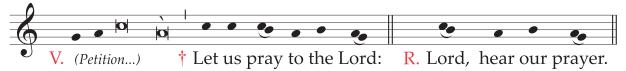
Universal Prayer Ash Wednesday February 22



Cantor sings: "Lord, hear our prayer"

Assembly responds: "Lord, hear our prayer"

Cantor chants intercession, invocation, assembly responds, etc.

We pray **for all members of the Church:** that increased prayer will draw us away from our ego and closer to God's will; and that fasting from worldly things will make us hunger to experience the Paschal Mysteries at East<u>er.</u> /R

We pray **for world leaders:** that they will practice sacrificial love and care in their positions of power, and lead others to do so, as **well.** /R

We pray for the poor, sick, and suffering: that their needs will be met by our almsgiving during this holy season. R

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We pray for those preparing for baptism and reception into the Church: that they may discover, during their Lenten journey, the depth of God's mercy and love for $\underline{\text{them.}}$ /R

We pray **for us gathered here:** that we, who accept the sign of ashes as a confession of our mortality and of our faith in the life-giving power of God, may make room for his divine life to grow by our hidden deeds of penance and mer**cy.** /R

We pray **for the faithful departed:** that the One who became sin for their sake may cleanse them of all stain, and share with them His joy in the glorious king**dom**.

7pm - ...and for Ely Gillespie, for whom this Mass is offered. $\ensuremath{/R}$