

Prayers for Lent

O Lord, open our eyes
to behold your presence.

O Lord, open our ears
to hear your voice.

O Lord, open our hearts
to receive your love.

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.
Amen.**

Either this thanksgiving

We thank you, O God,
for you are gracious.
You have loved us from the beginning
of time
and you remember us in times of trouble
and of joy.
Your mercy endures for ever.

We thank you, O God,
for you came to us in Jesus Christ,
who has redeemed the world
and saves us from our sins.
Your mercy endures for ever.

We thank you, O God,
for you have sent your Holy Spirit,
who comforts us and leads us into all truth.
Your mercy endures for ever.

or a Song of Anselm:

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people
to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her
children.

**Despair turns to hope through your sweet
goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort
in fear.**

Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.

**Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.**

In your compassion bring grace and
forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love
prepare us.

Amen.

Silence may be kept

*Prayer may be offered
The Lord's Prayer is said, and/or*

a Collect for Lent:

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May God our Redeemer
show us compassion and love.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

