Opening Prayer

Opening Song: Glory and Praise to our God

Refrain: Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days,
many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.

We, the daughters and sons of him,
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders that God has done
in every heart that sings (Refrain)

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that’s tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
Our God is there to save. (Refrain)

Psalm 8: Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

O Lord, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!
I will sing of your majesty above the heavens with the mouths of babes and infants.
You have established a bulwark against your foes, to silence enemy and avenger.
ALL: O Lord, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth.

When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moons and the stars that you set in place-
What is man that you are mindful of him, and a son of man that you care for him?
Yet you have made him little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor
ALL: O Lord, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth.

You have given him rule over the work of your hands, put all things at his feet:
All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever
swims the paths of the seas.
ALL: O Lord, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth.

A reading from Daniel 2:23 To you, God of my ancestors, I give thanks and praise, because you have
given me wisdom and power. Now you have shown me what we asked of you, you have made known
to us the king’s dream.

Prayer for Life and Dignity

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life,
bless us with the courage to defend all life
from conception to natural death.
Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples
from east to west, from north to south,
so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be neighbor.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

(From Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice, USCCB, April 1998)
Closing Prayer

Lord we thank you for your words of truth and life and for gathering us together today in your name. With one voice through you we pray.

- For your truth, light and love to radiate through us bringing healing and comfort to all we encounter. We pray to the Lord
ALL: Lord Hear Our Prayer

- That we may go forth with the heart of a servant as Jesus did easing the burdens of those around us. We pray to the Lord
ALL: Lord Hear Our Prayer

- During this Lenten season, we pray for open hearts, fully accepting of the gift of your transforming forgiveness in our lives and in turn embrace our duty to offer the same to others. We pray to the Lord
ALL: Lord Hear Our Prayer

Father we thank you for sending the gift of your son to right the diaspora, pain, and prejudices of the world. Like Job and Esther we pray for faith that relentlessly trusts in your will and allows your spirit to transform not only our own lives but in doing so unites us as one with place and purpose in the body of Christ.

Lenten Prayer of Transformation

Loving Father,
I invite you into my life today
and make myself available to you.
Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself
by seeking your will and becoming a living example
of your love in the world.
Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change
in order for me to carry out the mission
and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.
Inspire me to live the Catholic faith
in ways that are dynamic and engaging.
Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish.
Make our community hungry for best practices
and continuous learning.
Give me courage when I am afraid,
hope when I am discouraged,
and clarity in times of decision.
Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church
to become all you imagined it would be for the people of our times.
Amen

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