Universal Prayer
Ash Wednesday
March 6

Cantor sings: “Lord, hear our prayer”
Assembly responds: “Lord, hear our prayer”
Cantor chants intercession, invocation, assembly responds, etc.

As we enter the spiritual desert of Lent, 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 Eastertide. /R

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

7pm and for Alvin Newburg who is remembered in this Mass. /R