

## **B—Lent 1**

*Instead of the following, the Great Litany may be used at the opening of the Eucharist.*

*Presider or deacon*

God made a covenant with Noah and set a rainbow in the clouds. Let us pray for all the descendants of Noah, and especially for those preparing for baptism.

*Deacon or other leader*

For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For *N* our bishop, for presbyters and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For *NN* our catechumen(s) and *NN* their sponsors(s).

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all the peoples of the earth who share God's covenant of peace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are oppressed, afflicted, or in need.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying and the dead.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering the blessed Virgin Mary, *N*, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

*Presider*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who saved us from the flood and brought us through the wilderness. Hear our prayers for all peoples. Receive sons and daughters into your family, wash them in the waters of new life, and feed them with your bread and wine; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**