

B—Lent 2

Presider or deacon

As we prepare for the paschal feast, let us offer intercessions to God who gave up his Son for us.

Deacon or other leader

For this holy gathering, for all Christians enduring persecution and tested by suffering, 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 the descendants of Abraham and Sarah, for all who share God's covenant, and for all the peoples of the earth.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the dying and the dead, and for those who mourn.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

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, God of our ancestors, who sent your Son to suffer greatly and after three days rise from the dead. Receive the prayers we offer this day and enable us to take up our cross and follow Jesus Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**