

IMPOSITION OF ASH

God our Father,
you create us from the dust of the earth:
grant that these ashes may be for us
a sign of our penitence
and a symbol of our mortality;
for it is by your grace alone
that we receive eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,
I invite you to receive these ashes
as a sign of the spirit of penitence with
which we shall keep this season of Lent.

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to
Christ.

Silence is kept.

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace,
and nourish *you* with his blessing;
the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep
you from all evil;
the Lord accept *your* prayers,
and absolve ✠ *you* from *your* offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Hear the commandments which God has
given to his people, and examine your
hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no
other gods but me.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not dishonour the name of the
Lord your God.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Honour your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not bear false witness against
your neighbour.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not covet anything which
belongs to your neighbour.
**Amen. Lord, have mercy upon us
and write all these your laws in our
hearts.**

PENETENTIAL RITE

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

God the Son,
have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
have mercy upon us.

From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice;
and from all evil intent,
good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh
and the devil,
good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow;
in all times of joy;
in the hour of death,
and at the day of judgement,
good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your birth, childhood and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work;
by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial;
by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection;
by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
good Lord, deliver us.

Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Silence is kept.

Make our hearts clean, O God;
and renew a right spirit within us.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against
our neighbour,**

**in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**