

2018 LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

LEADER / PRESIDER:

Today we gather in prayer to thank God for the gift of Jesus and for His great love for us. Jesus wants all children to hear when He speaks to our hearts about believing in Him, loving one another and sharing our blessings. And yet, there are children today who have never heard the “Good News” of Jesus. What do you think Jesus calls you to do for them? *[short pause]*

LEADER / PRESIDER:

Let us turn our hearts and our minds to Him in prayer and call to mind children in the Missions who suffer from poverty, neglect, violence or hunger, and ask God’s special blessing upon them. May we always respond with joy to Your Good News, Lord, live by Your example, and love others as You love us. **ALL: AMEN**

READING: Colossians 3: 12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 51: 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 17

Response ALL: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
In the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

ALL: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
And a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
And your Holy Spirit take not from me.
All: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O, Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

ALL: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Leader / Presider: Lord Jesus, You stretched out Your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross so that everyone could be saved. Send us Your Spirit so that we may reach out our arms in love to bring the Good News of You and Your salvation to children everywhere.

ALL: AMEN.

HOW CAN YOU SERVE?

Before starting this Activity, read Mark 10:35-45 *"For even the So, of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Invite the children to think of some examples of how they might serve or help someone else. Encourage them to think of ways to serve people at home and ways to serve people around the world!

How can you **SERVE** at home?

How do these acts **SERVE** God?

How can you **SERVE** around the world?

HINT: Prayer and Sacrifice!

During Lent, we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross because He LOVES us. Pray that children all over the world can learn about Jesus' love for all of His children!



Father Hani is knows how important learning about Jesus in *Cairo, Egypt*. He has started a Religious education program to help the Christian families, who are feeling pressured to leave the country. Father hopes to create a safe place for families and children to gather and learn their faith. .

This religious education program is new at St. George Nursery School. Father Hani has six teachers and almost one hundred children attending. A donation of \$25 will help Father Hani keep this Religious Education program growing.



Throughout Lent, pray for children in ***Cairo, Egypt*** that are getting to know Jesus!