

## Prayers for Ash Wednesday

*These prayers might be used in a variety of settings: Opening Prayers (at the beginning of worship) or concluding collects (after the Prayers of the People); for church websites or newsletters; or in personal, small group, or family devotion.*

Holy God, treasure of faithful hearts,  
through Jesus Christ you taught us  
how to pray, to give, to serve, to live.  
Reshape, restore, and renew us  
by the hidden power of your Spirit,  
so that we may receive the way of life  
that is the true reward of the faithful;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 / Years ABC

God, our guide in wilderness and testing,  
in Jesus Christ you show us the fast you choose:  
the practice of justice and compassion.  
Teach us to follow him in truth and grace,  
receiving our reward with your saints in glory;  
through Christ, the treasure of our hearts.  
Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 / Years ABC