



HOME PRAYERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Direction on applying the enclosed ashes will be given online during the service. If you are unable to attend or tune into any of the Ash Wednesday services you may use these prayers with your family and administer the ashes anytime during the day.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen*

The ashes are applied with the following words

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

ASH PACKET

Be careful of ash particles on your clothing or surfaces.

This Ash Packet will provide ashes for up to five or six people. Simply snip the top of the packet with a pair of scissors to open.

On open end use a Q-tip, cotton applicator or finger to anoint yourselves and immediate family members with a cross drawn on forehead.

These ashes have been blessed. Please dispose of the ashes in a correct manner. Either burn the ash packet in an ash tray or fireplace or bury the packet in the ground, as all blessed items should be properly disposed of.

Or you can bring it back to church for proper disposal.

