

## LENTEN PRAYERS—2010



Create in me  
a clean heart,  
O God

Psalms 51:10

## Ash Wednesday —17th February

*Lord, help this to be a time of turning round and beginning again. Through the forty days of Lent, help us to follow you and to find you in the discipline of praying—and in the sometimes drudgery of caring—  
-in whatever we deny ourselves, and in whatever we learn to do.*

*Help us to discover you in our loneliness and in our community,  
in our emptiness and our fulfilment,  
in our sadness and our laughter.*

*Help us to find you when we ourselves are lost.*

*Help us to follow you on the journey to Jerusalem to the waving palms of the people's hope, to their rejection, to the cross and empty tomb.*

*Help us to perceive new growth amid the ashes of the old.*

*Help us, carrying your cross, to be signs of your Kingdom.*

*Amen.*



## Thursday —18th February



**Lord Jesus, help us now, at this time of Lent to accompany you. If we have grown soft, cushioning our lives with excuses, expose us to your way. If we have grown lazy, cushioning our minds with easy, thin thoughts, expose us to your truth.**

**It we have grown comfortable, cushioning our living with satisfaction, expose us to the challenge of your life.**

**As we walk ,God, be our way.**

**As we learn, God, be our truth.**

**As we grow, God, be our life.**

**Friday —19th February.**

*Our homeland is on earth*

*Our homeland is in heaven*

***WE ARE PEOPLE OF GOD.***

*Our lives are commonplace*

*Our lives are full of wonder*

***WE ARE PEOPLE OF GOD.***

*Hold firm, take heart*

*God is our stronghold*

***WE ARE NOT ALONE.***

*Under your wings*

*You gather us*

***YOU WRAP US ROUND IN LOVE.***

*Secure on a rock*

*You gather us*

***YOU WRAP US ROUND IN LOVE.***

*In the goodness of God*

*In the justice of Jesus*

*In the song of the Spirit*

***YOU WRAP US ROUND IN LOVE.***



## Saturday - 20th February

**Lord take us on our journey from where we are to where you want us to be; so that we become a community where all are welcomed and no one is excluded, all are valued and no one is made to feel inadequate, all are forgiven and no one is ashamed to belong, all are encouraged and no one is too hurt to come among us.**



**Lead us on our journey from who we are to who you want us to be; so that patience is built in us, gentleness is part of us, compassion flows from us, truth is second nature to us, and the commitment of love is part of us. Let us journey in the peace and power of the Spirit.**

