

ASH WEDNESDAY

BLESSING OF ASHES

Original Latin

DEUS, qui non mortem sed conversiónem desíderas peccatórum, preces nostras cleménter exáudi, et hos cíneres, quos capítibus nostris impóni decérnimus, benedícere pro tua pietáte dignáre, ut qui nos cínerem esse et in púlverem reversúros cognóscimus, quadragesimális exercitatiónis stúdio, peccatórum véniam et novitátem vitæ, ad imáginem Fílii tui resurgéntis cónsequi valeámus.

1970s ICEL Translation !!!

LORD, bless these ashes by which we show that we are dust. Pardon our sins and keep us faithful to the discipline of Lent, for you do not want sinners to die but to live with the risen Christ.

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Per Christum Dóminum nostrum.
R. Amen.

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O God, who desire not the death of sinners,
but their conversion,
mercifully hear our prayers
and in your kindness be pleased to bless ✠ these ashes,
which we intend to receive upon our heads,
that we, who acknowledge we are but ashes
and shall return to dust,
may, through a steadfast observance of Lent,
gain pardon for sins and newness of life
after the likeness of your Risen Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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