



ASH WEDNESDAY

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me your decrees, O LORD ; I will keep them to the end.34 Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions; I will put them into practice with all my heart.35 Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found.36 Give me an eagerness for your laws rather than a love for money!37 Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word.38 Reassure me of your promise, made to those who fear you.39 Help me abandon my shameful ways; for your regulations are good.40 I long to obey your commandments! Renew my life with your goodness.

Questions for Consideration:

- How is soul-searching and cleansing related to God's grace and to Christian holiness?
- Lent is a time for the personal "putting off" of things contrary to God's will, and it is a task for the whole body of Christ. What aspects of the church's witness in the world need to be more closely aligned with its Lord?
- In what areas of your life should the discipline of patience be increased?

Prayer:

O LORD MY GOD, perfect us in such patience that we may be in no haste to escape from toil or loneliness or suffering; yet ever in haste to serve you, to please you, and, when you will, to go home to your blessed presence. Amen.

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