

# Devotion, Week of March 2, 2025

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### Ash Wednesday

May this hymn give you inspiration for reflection this week as we remember the ashes from which we come.

Dust and ashes touch our face,  
mark our failure and our falling.  
Holy Spirit, come,  
walk with us tomorrow,  
take us as disciples,  
washed and wakened by your calling.  
Take us by the hand and lead us,  
lead us through the desert sands,  
bring us living water,  
Holy Spirit, come.  
Dust and ashes soil our hands --  
greed of market, pride of nation.  
Holy Spirit, come,  
walk with us tomorrow,  
as we pray and struggle  
through the meshes of oppression.  
Take us by the hand and lead us,  
lead us through the desert sands,  
bring us living water,  
Holy Spirit, come.  
Dust and ashes choke our tongue  
in the wasteland of depression.  
Holy Spirit, come,  
walk with us tomorrow.  
through all gloom and grieving  
to the paths of resurrection.  
Take us by the hand and lead us,  
lead us through the desert sands,  
bring us living water,  
Holy Spirit, come.



— Brian Wren

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