

Prayer for Ash Wednesday



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An Easter people,
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To recognize the deep
roots of compassion,
To recognize we too are called
To witness the empty tomb and
To announce
To a world in despair
the Hope of the Resurrection.

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