



ASH WEDNESDAY 2021 Manual & Prayer Guide on Receiving Blessed Ashes at Home



Create solemn and prayerful atmosphere as family gather at home to pray the following prayer and to receive the blessed ash. Family members/parents might take turn applying the blessed ash. The dry ash is ready to be used without water. You may receive it on the crown of your head or if you wish to receive on your forehead, you may add some clean water to the ash.

Prepare the blessed ash. If you wish, you may transfer the ash from the plastic pot into a saucer/small plate.

Leader (L) : In the name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT

Response (R) : Amen.

L : Let us pray

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R : Amen

Taking turns, all family members are sprinkled with some ash on their crown of the head, with solemn and prayerful posture receiving the ash, while the one who distribute says:
“Repent, and believe in the Gospel”

OR

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

R : Amen.

Allow a short period of quiet time after receiving the ash. Then continue with the closing prayer:

L : Let us correct our faults which we have committed in ignorance, let us not be taken unawares by the day of our death, looking in vain for leisure to repent. Hear us, O Lord, and show us your mercy, for we have sinned against you.

R : Help us, O God our Savior; for the sake of your name, O Lord, set us free. Amen.

L : In the name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT

R : Amen.