



ASH WEDNESDAY LITANY 2025

LEADER: “Blow the trumpet in Zion! Sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble!” The Lord is calling us away from the world and to draw closer to holiness.

RESPONSE: **With fasting, weeping, and mourning, we are returning to the Lord with all our hearts. Draw us nearer, nearer precious Lord.**

LEADER: “Rend your hearts and not your clothing,” says the Lord, “and return unto Me for I am gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”

RESPONSE: **With fasting, weeping, and mourning, we are returning to the Lord with all our hearts. Let us yield not to temptation.**

LEADER: “Day after day you seek Me and delight to know My ways, as if you were a people that practiced righteousness and did not forsake my ordinances,” says the Lord. “Is *this* the fast that I desire?”

RESPONSE: **With fasting, weeping, and mourning, we are returning to the Lord with all our hearts. All to Jesus we surrender, all to Him we freely give.**

LEADER: In this season of fasting, the Lord reminds us, “beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them.” Instead, whenever you pray and fast, “go into your room and shut the door and pray to Me in secret, and I will see you in secret.”

ALL: **With fasting, weeping, and mourning, we are returning to the Lord with all our hearts. We come to the garden alone. Meet us here, O Lord, and create in us clean hearts. Amen.**