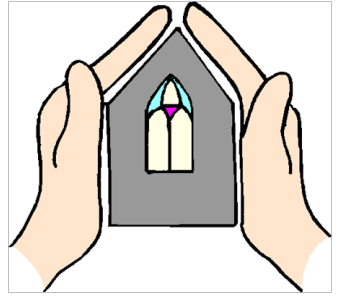


Loving Lord,  
We thank you for all the ways that you  
have blessed the people of our circuit  
and the communities they serve.  
In this season of repentance we  
acknowledge our failures to you.



We are sorry that we have not sought  
your vision for us as individuals, churches and as a circuit.  
We are sorry for the times we have not trusted you, when we  
have not remembered your power to inspire and provide, and  
our courage has failed us.

We are sorry for the times when we have closed  
our eyes to the needs around us  
our minds to uncomfortable realities facing our churches  
and circuit  
our ears to your voice.

We are sorry for our reluctance to shoulder each other's  
burdens or for the times we have been unwilling to work  
together to glorify you.

We are sorry for the times we have prayed for change and  
then resisted it for ourselves.

We are sorry for the times we have failed to celebrate you  
working out your mission of love to all people.

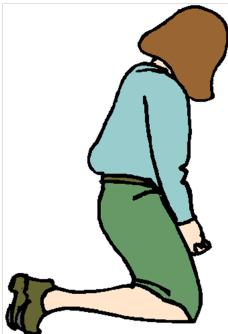
You are always faithful and long for us to  
know the reality of your love.

Forgive us for our negativity and lack of unity  
and lead us into ways of thankfulness and  
hope.

Help us to seek your guidance in all things.

We ask all this, trusting in your desire to  
forgive and transform us.

Amen



Composed by the circuit prayer group 2016

## Circuit Lent Card 2023

During Lent you are invited to take the Sunday Gospel Reading and spend some time during the following week reflecting on the passage and exploring what it is that God is saying to you.

As some of the weekly readings are long you may like to reflect on a different section of the reading each day, starting by reading the whole passage.

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	John 3:1-17
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	John 4:5-42
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	John 9:1-41
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	John 11:1-45
Sunday 2nd April	Matthew 21:1-11

During the special time of Holy Week there are daily readings as we follow the path of Jesus to the Cross.

Monday 3rd April	Mark 14:1-9
Tuesday 4th April	Mark 14:12-21
Wednesday 5th April	Mark 14:22-26
Thursday 6th April	Mark 14:27-40
Friday 7th April	Mark 15:22-32

Overleaf is a prayer for our circuit which was composed in 2016 but still is relevant today. This may be used by each of us regularly in Lent and could also be used by church congregations.

