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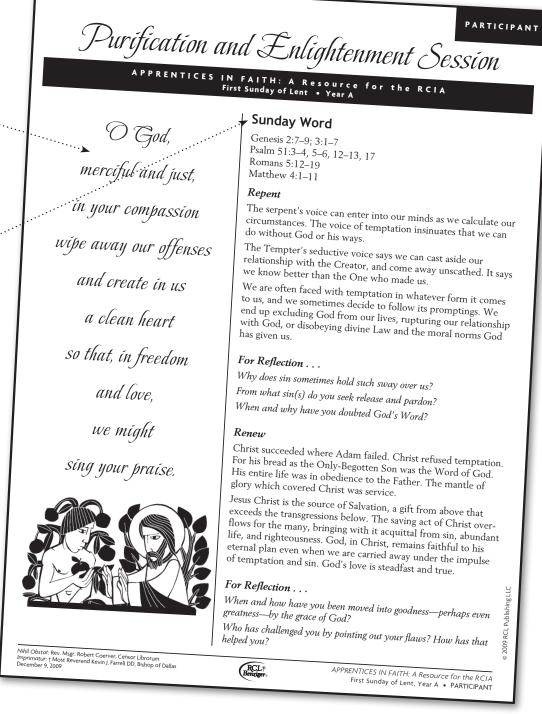
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Prayer

Provides text that correlates to the readings of the day, which can be used as a gathering or closing prayer.

Sunday Word

Lists the Scripture readings for the corresponding Sunday, and provides insights and questions for further reflection based on the readings.





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PARTICIPANT Purification and Enlightenment Session APPRENTICES IN FAITH: A Resource for the RCIA First Sunday of Lent • Year A Key Images and Symbols Key Images and Symbols of the Season Church Teaching: of the Season Christ, the New Adam **TEMPTATION**—by which we stumble and fall. **SIN**—which weighs us down and keeps us from God. We cannot escape from the effects of sin alone. We Evokes GRACE—the sheer gift of God's goodness to us; it buoys need help. We need a savior. The Good News has Scriptural, been revealed to the world. Jesus Christ is the Savior us up into authentic life. and he is the embodiment of God's generous mercy to THE NEW ADAM—Jesus Christ, in whom we are recreated doctrinal, and sinners. He is the New Adam, who makes right what as true adopted sons and daughters of God. general faith went wrong when our first parents sinned against God **RIGHTEOUSNESS**—by which we are accounted as living and his command. Jesus Christ is the New Adam, images to spark for God alone who offers us an escape from the prison of our own the religious making. God's grace enables us to confront sin in our lives. imagination of With God's help we are able to see our sins and admit Preparing for Baptism, our faults. Without that admission we cannot progress Confirmation, and Eucharist the elect. Is there a particular Scriptural word or phrase, a concept • . . toward holiness. Similar to a doctor who probes the from Church teaching, or an image that resonates with wound before treating it, God, through his Word and Spirit, casts a probing and sometimes painful light you in this season of grace? Keeping in mind the experience of this Lenten Sunday as on our personal sin. Conversion demands an interior you look forward to Baptism. What will it mean to you judgment that we have sinned in real ways that that you will be recreated in the image of Christ? Preparing necessitates real pardon from God. The Church helps us in reconciliation. The first type for Baptism, of Church activity that promotes reconciliation is prayer, including the intercessory prayer of Mary Confirmation, and the Saints. Another activity is preaching. A and Eucharist third activity is the personal pastoral action aimed at helping an individual return to a healthy and holy Centers the relationship with God. Finally, the Church's own witness to the need for continual purification and elect on their Teaching renewal within and among her members promotes upcoming full reconciliation. initiation. and explores Distinctiveness of Church Teaching a particular Saint Augustine of Hippo says that "God creates us without us, however, he does not save us without us." We have a conscience that must be employed as we contemplate how Jesus saves us and how each of us RCL Publishing LLC needs that Salvation. Acknowledging our sins is the first step in acknowledging the power, love, and mercy of God. It based on the is also a protection against future temptation. 2009 corresponding APPRENTICES IN FAITH: A Resource for the RCIA First Sunday of Lent, Year A • PARTICIPANT Nihil Obstat: Rev. Msgr. Robert Coerver, Censor Librorum Imprimatur: 1 Most Reverend Kevin J. Farrell DD, Bishop of Dallas December 9, 2009 RCL+ Benziger

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