*Prayers*

*Open our Eyes to your Presence*

*Ash Wednesday / First Week of Lent*

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To the phrase: Lord, we ask you to

The response is: Open our eyes to your presence

Lord, we ask you to

**Open our eyes to your presence**

If we want to take a deep breath at the start of Lent

Lord, we ask you to

**Open our eyes to your presence**

If we want to set off in a different direction

Lord, we ask you to

**Open our eyes to your presence**

If we want to increase our openhearted awareness of the world around us

Lord, we ask you to

**Open our eyes to your presence**

If we want to recall what we haven’t done

Lord, we ask you to

**Open our eyes to your presence**

If we want to do better next time

Lord, we ask you to

**Open our eyes to your presence**

If we want to stop over-complicating things

Lord, we ask you to

**Open our eyes to your presence**

If we want to cut down on our tendency to catastrophise

Lord, we ask you to

**Open our eyes to your presence**

If we want to keep being patient and kind

Lord, we ask you to

**Open our eyes to your presence**

If we want to remember why we’re doing this

Lord, we ask you to

**Open our eyes to your presence**

If we want to look beyond death to life

Lord, we ask you to

**Open our eyes to your presence**

**Amen**