

A Lenten Prayer of Compassion

Loving God,

Your servant Paul of the Cross was inspired to gather companions to proclaim the Passion of Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the greatest sign of Your love. He guided many people to die to what is not of You, so that they could be reborn in Your Love.

During this season of Lent, when we are called to deeper and deeper conversion, open our eyes and our ears, our minds and our hearts, to listen to the stories of our sisters and brothers, and to the "groaning" of creation itself.

In our listening, lead us to die to despair and to be reborn in hope. Lead us to die to hate and be reborn in mercy. Lead us to die to indifference and be reborn in compassion. Lead us to die to fear and be reborn in love.

In this rebirth, bring us together and direct us into actions of love and mercy and compassion, working for justice and making peace.

We ask this in the name of the Crucified and Risen Christ.

Amen.

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