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**Clergy & All the Faithful.**

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Sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we enter this holy season of Lent, we slow our pace and turn our hearts again toward God. We come with our prayers, our hopes, our burdens, and our questions. Our lips are familiar with words that can so easily pass by without settling deeply within us: “Thy will be done.”- Matthew 6:10.

These words are not passive. They are not resignation. They are an act of trust. Jesus placed these words at the center of our relationship with the Father. When we pray, “Thy will be done” we are placing our lives, our plans, and our future into God’s hands. We are choosing trust over control. We are choosing to surrender over certainty. It is the prayer of a heart that is willing to be shaped, corrected, guided, and sometimes redirected.

Lent is a season that teaches us how to pray like this. Not just speaking to God but making room for God to speak to us. Listening in Scripture. Listening in silence. Listening in worship. Listening through the wisdom and experience of one another. Listening for the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit that often comes not in noise, but in stillness.

Listening takes humility. It asks us to loosen our grip on our own certainties and to trust that God’s purposes are wiser than our own. It calls us to patience: God’s voice is rarely hurried. It calls us to courage: sometimes what we hear stretches us beyond our comfort.

We do not do this as isolated believers scattered across communities. We are a family. A diocesan family. When we pray “Thy will be done,” we pray it together. When we listen, we listen together. When we wait, we wait together. We carry one another’s discernment. We hold one another in prayer. We trust that the same Spirit who speaks to one heart is at work in the whole body.



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This Lent, I invite you to take these four simple words and let them rest more deeply within you. Pray them slowly. Pray them honestly. Pray them expectantly. “Thy will be done” in our lives. “Thy will be done” in our parishes. “Thy will be done” among us as a diocesan family.

May this season draw us closer to the heart of the Father. May it quiet the noise around us and within us. And may we discover again that God’s will is not something to fear, but something to trust, because it flows from perfect love.

As we pray, “Thy will be done,” may we discover that we are being formed into a people ready to receive the gift God is preparing for us.

In Christ’s peace.

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