

A Lenten Message from Bishop Patricia Davenport

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Pray with me:

Good and gracious God, bless your children over the next forty days that we might see you more clearly. Speak, Lord, that we might hear your voice over the chatter of the world. Stir your Holy Spirit within our hearts that we might be drawn into a deeper relationship with you that leads to a deeper relationship with others. Use us to your glory, that the Kingdom might be a little bit stronger because of how we serve you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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