CARD FOR THE ASH BOWL

Card for the people who give ashes

Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2027. Keep this card beside the bowl of ash.

Before the service

- Wash your hands. Put a small spoonful of cooled palm ash in a clean bowl. Add water a few drops at a time and mix until the ash holds a mark. Keep a damp cloth beside the bowl. Palm ash and water can irritate skin. Stop if irritation occurs and wash with clean water.
- Give ashes only to those who ask. Ask a parent before giving ashes to a child. Offer a prayer without ashes to anyone who prefers it.

Giving the ashes

- Dip your thumb in the ash and make a small cross on the forehead as you speak. Wipe your thumb on the damp cloth when ash builds up.
- Choose one sentence and say it to each person. The first comes from Genesis 3:19 and the second from Mark 1:15.

LEADER Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

LEADER Repent and believe the gospel.

After the service

- Wash your hands and clean the bowls. Follow the church's instructions for storing or discarding the remaining ash.

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