

*Leader:* May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

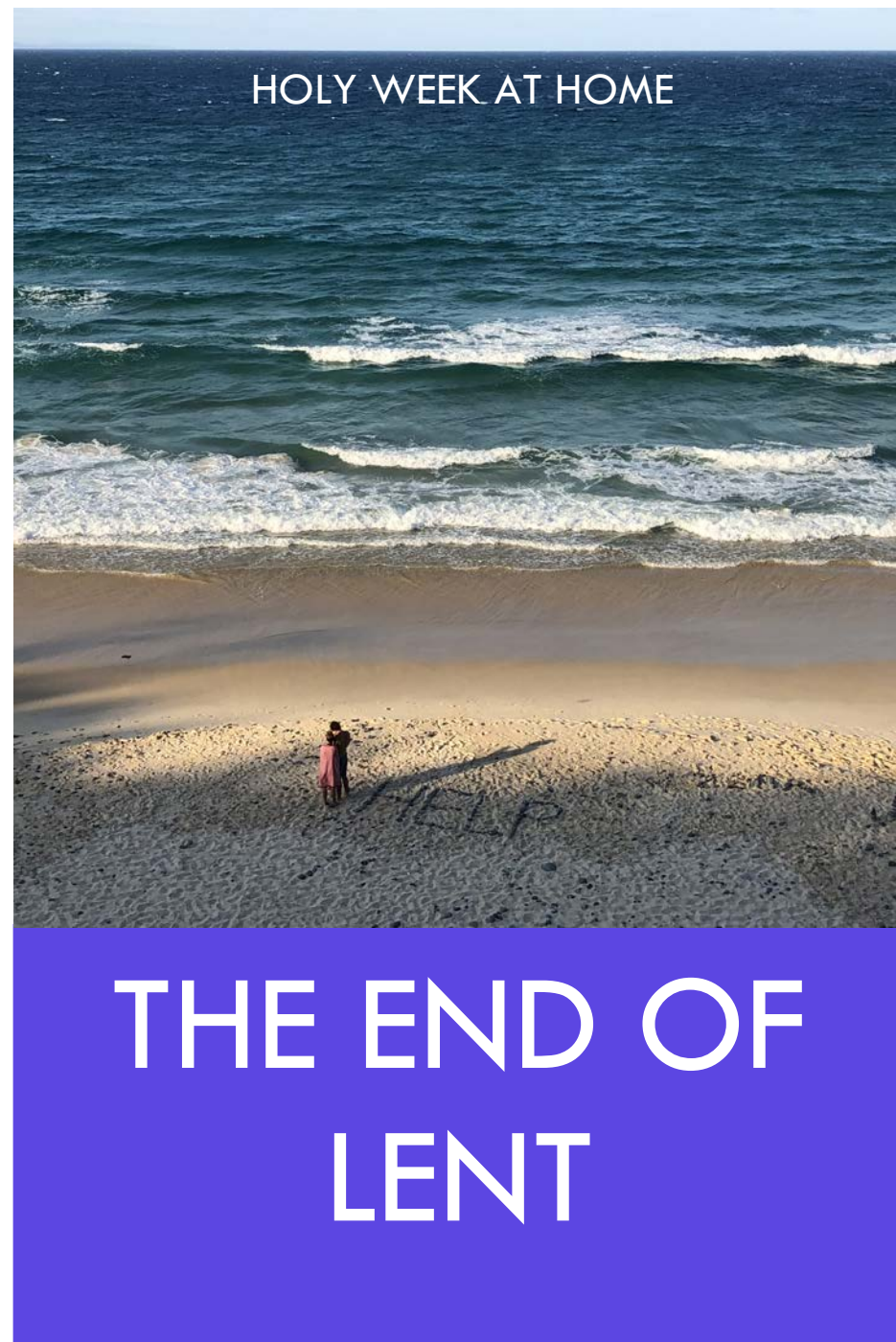
*All:* Amen.

Now offer each member of your family a sign of peace.

Conclude your prayer with the words of Psalm 117.

*All:* Praise the Lord, all you nations!  
Give glory, all you peoples!  
The Lord's love for us is strong;  
the Lord is faithful forever.

*All* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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The end of Lent is traditionally a time for seeking reconciliation and peace in the sacrament of Penance. In this family prayer, you are celebrating God's compassion and the grace of forgiveness and reconciliation. Perhaps some time between Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday you could focus on this prayer.

## FAMILY PRAYER

*All:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Leader:* May God, who has enlightened every heart, help us to know our sins and trust in God's mercy.

*Reader:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At the Last Supper, Jesus said to his disciples:  
'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.  
Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments,  
you will remain in my love...  
I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy may be complete.  
This is my commandment,  
that you should love one another, as I have loved you.  
No one has greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends if you do what I command you.

*All:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Spend a few minutes in silence to reflect on Jesus' words.

Ask yourself how well you have remained in Jesus' love.  
Are there times when you have not been kind and helpful?  
Have you spoken badly of others or held a grudge against someone?  
Do you care for the environment and respect the property of others?  
Can you think of any other sins?

*Leader:* Remain in my love, says Jesus. Let us confess our love for God and our sorrow for doing wrong.

*All:* My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance, to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.

*Leader:* We ask God's forgiveness  
in the words Jesus himself gave us:

*All:* Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.