

# MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES

# March

## Lenten Offerings Box

Make a Lenten offerings box to be placed on your family prayer table or on the kitchen table. You can use the box to hold family prayer intentions, Lenten resolutions, and money offerings for the poor. Decorate your box with symbols of Lent, such as a cross, praying hands, a crown of thorns, and nails.

When you have completed preparing your box, lead the following prayer. Begin by singing a Lenten hymn or refrain and by praying together the Sign of the Cross.

**Generous God,**  
as we begin our Lenten journey,  
may this offerings box serve as a reminder  
to fast, to pray, and to give alms to the poor.

Through our Lenten efforts  
may we grow in our love for you  
and in our love for our neighbor.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Set aside time during Holy Week to open the box. Invite family members to review their Lenten resolutions and prepare your money offerings to be given to the poor on Holy Thursday evening or on Easter Sunday.

