

Ashes to Go

designed for use at transit stops or in other places where the encounter must be extremely brief.

The minister offers a prayer:

Almighty and merciful God, you hate nothing you have made, and forgive the sins of all who are penitent; create in us new and contrite hearts, so that when we turn to you and confess our sins and acknowledge our need, we may receive your full and perfect forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

Ashes are marked on the forehead with the following words:

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

The minister then says,

Go in peace. Amen.

A handout with the liturgy above may be provided, and the recipient of the ashes may then join in the prayer. If a handout is provided, an explanation of "Ashes to Go" and the "Invitation to a Holy Lent" may be included, along with resources for keeping Lent, such as prayers, and a congregation's program and worship schedule.