

## **Our Color Your Own “40 Days Of Lent” Countdown Posters**

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### **Parent Guide: Please note these days for discussion:**

On the **2nd week of Lent** , there is a box that says “Talk about the colors you saw at mass this weekend. What color was your priest wearing?”

In a traditional Catholic service the word Mass is used to describe the hour of worship. Here at Wilton Congregational Church we use the words Worship Service. During the season of Lent you may see the color **purple** used within Worship.

**Purple** is used for two reasons: First it reminds us of the pain and suffering Jesus went through and secondly because purple is the color associated with royalty, it celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty

Catholic church's also call their spiritual leaders, priests. At WCC, we call our spiritual leader reverend, minister, or pastor. Our Senior Minister is the Reverend Dr. Anne Coffman.

***Do you remember what color she was wearing in service yesterday?***

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On the **3rd week of Lent** , there is a box that says “Pray for our Bishop and for our Pope”.

This is an traditional Catholic practice, we as protestant Christians do not have a Pope, however some Christian traditions do have Bishops.

This is a great learning tool for children and a way to talk about how our faith practices vary, while appreciating our differences.

At Wilton Congregational Church, we have Pastors, Ministers, and other church leaders that would love and need to be prayed for.

***Can you think of one? Pray for them today.***

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On the **4th week of Lent**, there is a box that says, “Pray the rosary”.

This is a form of prayer practiced by Catholics and some Protestants. The rosary is a devotion in honor of the virgin Mary. These prayers involve the Apostles’ Creed, Our Father (the Lord’s Prayer), Hail Mary’s, and Glory Be (Gloria Patri). You may remember some of these from our weekly service at Wilton Congregational Church.

At Wilton Congregational Church, however, we do not pray the rosary or practice devotions in honor of the virgin Mary. We do pray directly to God and recite the Lords Prayer, as well as, the Gloria Patri. We are all very similar!

***On this day, pray the Lord’s Prayer with your family***

### **LORD’S PRAYER (debts)**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

