## Our Color Your Own "40 Days Of Lent" Countdown Posters

These posters are an excellent way to reinforce children's church lessons each week. Children and read the same daily challenge or reminder each day and color it as we count down to Easter. This calendar is much like using an Advent Calendar during the Christmas season.

## Please note these days for discussion:

On the **3rd week of Lent**, there is a box that says <u>"Pray for our Bishop and for our Pope".</u>

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

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

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

One the 4th week of Lent, there is box that says, "Pray the rosary".

This is a form of prayer practice by traditional 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), three Hail Mary's, Glory Be (Gloria Patri). You may remember some of these from our weekly services at Wilton Congregational Church.

At Wilton Congregational Church, however, we do not pray the rosary or devotions in honor of the virgin Mary. We do pray directly to God and recite the Lords Prayer and 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.