



Waiting in the Wilderness of Lent

Lent is a wilderness time,
when every path is obscure
and thorns have grown up around words of hope.

**Be our strength, O God,
in this time of wilderness waiting.**

This is a time of stones, not bread,
when the sunrise seems uncertain
and everything tastes of bitterness.

**Be our strength, O God,
in this time of wilderness waiting.**

This is the time of ashes and dust
when darkness clothes our dreams
and no star shines a guiding light.

**Be our strength, O God,
In this time of wilderness waiting.**

This is the time of treading the waters of life
waiting for the waves to calm
and for the chaos to subside.

**Be our strength, O God,
In this time of wilderness waiting.**

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**Saint Matthew Parish Community Prayer
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