

# ASH WEDNESDAY - A BENEDICTION

Friends, close your eyes and breathe.

Take a moment, and remember...

That it is from the dust that we were gifted our very lives,

Our loves, our sorrows, our joys,

And it is into the dust that we are gifted eternity with our Father,

Who will hold our frail hands through it all.

For it is in the ashes of our unformed humanity,

That God waits to become all that completes us.

So, may the ashes we walk through in these days cleanse us,

And in the absence and dust of what was,

May we invite the will of the Father to unfold and bloom,

And remember this, until the day we go to be with Him...

And into the dust we graciously return.

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