

Lord Jesus, we ask to go out into **the desert** with You. We ask to come along on this *Campaign of Christian service* called **Lent**. Arm us with weapons of **self-restraint**: prayer, fasting, and **alms giving**, as we take up battle against the spiritual evils that plague us. Through our works of **penance** and **charity**, may we turn away from harmful pleasures, and when we make a good **Confession** during **Lent** – cleanse us from our sins and make us worthy **to celebrate devoutly** Your **Passion**. Grant us the desire to be of service to all, while we entrust ourselves more fully to the Holy Spirit. Allow **the Angel of Humility** to find us in **the desert** of **Lent**, and then filled with **the wonder** at the power of Your **love** for us, may we **rejoice** at the salvation that comes from You alone and accept Your **gift of new life!** Amen.