



## meet me in the desert

(a Lenten prayer)

Lord of Lent, Lord of Easter,

As you went into the desert  
So do I follow  
Putting aside that which distracts me  
Grabs at me  
Falsely claims me.

To search inside  
To confront myself  
My best, my worst  
My good works and my sins.

And each time, I find you there  
To call to me again  
With words of challenge and words of mercy.

And as I fall to my knees, in prayer, in fasting  
In sacrifice and penitence  
Somehow, you have it in yourself to reach out  
and gently lift me  
To renew me  
To claim me as nothing of this world can claim  
me.  
Meet me in the desert, Lord.  
Claim me anew.

Amen