

Fourth Sunday in Lent



*Adapted from the original
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- L: The journey to Jerusalem is long.
This is a wilderness journey and we are not always comfortable.
But we trust and we persevere.
- P: **We are pilgrims on a journey.**
We are travelers on the road.
- L: God's people are familiar with wilderness.
After Egypt, they wandered in hunger and thirst—
confused and tired—waiting for the promised land.
Our destination is different.
We aim for Jerusalem—where it all ends—
and where there will be new beginnings.
- P: **We are pilgrims on a journey.**
We are travelers on the road.
- L: Let us pray.
- All: **God of the wilderness,
give us strength when we wander.
When we stray and grieve,
hunger and thirst,
you have promised to make
water spring up in the desert.
Quench our thirst.
Feed us with manna.
Strengthen us when we are tired
or lack trust.
In the name of Jesus we pray,
Amen.**



A Home Away from Home

Accused of bewitching her niece after she fell ill, Zenabu Sugri began to fear for her safety in her own home.

In Ghana, where belief in witchcraft is widespread, it is often used to explain unusual and unfortunate events. Unfortunately, older women like Zenabu, are blamed and subjected to cruel treatment and discrimination when accused.

After suffering from relentless taunting, Zenabu found sanctuary at the PWS&D-supported Gambaga Camp—a refuge for women accused of witchcraft.

Zenabu has now found a sense of belonging with the community of women. At the camp, she's learnt how to make soap and sells it to earn an income. "It is peaceful. I am in good health and getting enough to eat," Zenabu shared.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve the marginalized. Through support for PWS&D, we can combat stigma and discrimination while supporting the vulnerable to lead peaceful and secure lives.

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