

LENT

My friend has a new granddaughter now just five months old. I'm told the little one "hears silent people". My friend doesn't have to say a word for the child to hear her. Walking into the room with no noise at all, the infant turns her small head and looks directly at grandma. My friend says, "She hears my presence."

There are many people who silently walk into the rooms of our lives with no words spoken. Just days ahead is the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we receive our "marching orders" to pray, fast, and do works of mercy, and, in so doing we become open to hearing and listening to the "silent people" God sends into our world. May your experience of Lent be deeply meaningful.

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