## MISERERE ET PARCE

Refrain: Have mercy, and spare your people, O most merciful Lord: For we have sinned against You.

- 1. Prostrate, we all weep laying open to You the secret sins we have committed, we beg forgiveness from You, O God. For we have sinned against You.
- 2. Receive the priests' prayers, and whatever they ask, abundantly grant; and have mercy on your people, O Lord. For we have sinned against You.
- 3. You have brought your wrath upon us; our sins have grievously bent us over, and we languish, with all hope gone. For we have sinned against You.
- 4. We have been given over to unimaginable evils, and every evil has flooded over us, and we have called out, and heard nothing. For we have sinned against you.
- 5. We all cry out, we all implore You, penitent, we turn to You with tears, to you whose wrath we have ourselves provoked. For we have sinned against You.
- 6. Beseeching you, sighing we ask of you; O Jesus Christ, prostrate we pray You: may your power come to the aid of us wretches. For we have sinned against You.
- 7. Receive the confession of your people, which we pour out before You as we mourn, and in our heart we groan for our sins. For we have sinned against you.
- 8. We ask for peace; grant us peace; take away wars, and deliver us all: we ask You, O Lord, with humble prayer. For we have sinned against You.
- 9. Incline your ear, O God most merciful; now let the stains of our sins be washed away and in kindness free us from perils. For we have sinned against You.

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