

PARCE DOMINE

Refrain: Spare, O Lord, spare Thy people, lest Thou be angry with us forever.

1. Let us bow down before the avenging wrath; let us weep before the Judge; let us cry forth in prayer of supplication, and all fall prostrate in prayer.
2. By our sins we have offended thy clemency, O God; pour out on us thy pardon from on high, Thou Who dost forgive.
3. Offering an acceptable time, give streams of tears to wash the sacrifice of our heart, which joyful charity enkindles.
4. Hear, thou merciful Creator, the tearful prayers poured forth during this holy fast of forty days.
5. Beloved searcher of hearts, thou knowest the infirmities of men; show pardoning grace to those who return to thee.

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