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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