

Communal Act of Contrition

The remainder of the season of Lent will come during the month of March. The following prayer, from the Book of the Prophet Daniel, serves as a reminder of our need, individually and together, for God's mercy.

**Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our ancestors,
and glorious forever is your name.**

**For you are just in all you have done; all your deeds are faultless,
all your ways right, and all your judgments proper.**

**But we have sinned and transgressed by departing from you,
and we have done every kind of evil.**

**Your commandments we have not heeded or observed,
nor have we done as you ordered us for our own good.**

**For your name's sake, do not deliver us up forever,
or make void your covenant.**

**With contrite heart and humble spirit let us be received;
for those who trust in you cannot be put to shame.**

**And now we follow you with our whole heart,
we fear you and we seek your face.**

**Do not put us to shame,
but deal with us in your kindness and great mercy.**

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