

**A LENTEN REFLECTION**

**(Mercy)**

***Merciful God,***

***You called us forth  
from the dust of the earth;***

***You claimed us for Christ  
in the waters of baptism.***

***Look upon us as we continue in these Forty Days  
and bless our journey through the desert  
of Lent.***

***May our fasting be hunger for justice;***

***Our alms, a making of peace;***

***Our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful  
hearts, and***

***Our responses to misery,  
acts of Mercy.***