

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offences.”

Ash Wednesday...we get a little cross marked on our foreheads.
It's made from burning the palm crosses from last Easter.
Just enough to make us feel guilty;
Just enough to make us feel good.

Have mercy on me, O God.

Isn't Lent about giving up something?
Chocolate, alcohol, the odd little luxury...
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Just enough to make us feel good.

Have mercy on me, O God.

We hear about how naughty we can be;
And how good we should!
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Just enough to make us feel good.

Have mercy on me, O God.

Merciful God, we so often make light of Lent,
We see it as a time to give up chocolate, or alcohol,
A time to go on a diet even.....
But it is a time to prepare!

A time to recognize our human frailty;
A time to recognize the uncertainty of our existence;
To examine our lives.

Lord, we begin to look forward to the celebration of our redemption,
Remembering the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus.
And yet we are disturbed, we need to be disturbed,
For we are not ready.
There are things which stand between us and you,
That need your mercy and forgiveness.
But you are a gracious and loving God,
Who desires only our good.

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