

# PREFACE I OF LENT

## The spiritual meaning of Lent

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and  
everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-  
-ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. For by your gracious  
gift each year your faithful await the sacred pas-chal feasts  
with the joy of minds made pure, so that, more eagerly in - tent on  
prayer and on the works of char-i-ty, and participating in the  
mysteries by which they have been re-born, they may be led to  
the full - ness of grace that you bestow on your sons and daugh-ters.  
And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Do-min-ions,  
and with all the hosts and Pow-ers of heav-en, we sing the hymn  
of your glo-ry, as without end we ac-claim: