

R./ The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger, and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

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As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.  
For he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.

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Man's days are like those of grass;  
like a flower of the field he blooms;  
The wind sweeps over him and he is gone,  
and his place knows him no more.

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But the kindness of the Lord is from eternity,  
to eternity toward those who fear him,  
And his justice toward children's children  
among those who keep his covenant  
and remember to fulfill his precepts.

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