

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: