

God Is Merciful

I lift up my eyes to you,
to you whose throne is in heaven.
As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of
their master,
as the eyes of a maid look to the
hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy
on us,
for we have endured much contempt.
We have endured much ridicule from
the proud,
much contempt from the arrogant.

As for you, you were dead in your
transgressions and sins, in which you
used to live when you followed the ways
of this world and of the ruler of the
kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now
at work in those who are disobedient.
All of us also lived among them at one
time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful
nature and following its desires and
thoughts. Like the rest, we were by
nature objects of wrath. But because of
his great love for us, God, who is rich in
mercy, made us alive with Christ even
when we were dead in
transgressions—it is by grace you have
been saved.

Psalm 123:1-4; Ephesians 2:1-5