

# The Church's Lament

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Key: F  
Song Flow: R,1,R,2,R,3,R,E  
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## **R** Refrain:

*Dm C G/B*  
**God of mercy! God of love!**  
*A#Maj7 A7 Dm*  
**Hear our sad repenting songs;**  
*Dm C G/B*  
**Listen to your humble saints**  
*A#Maj7 A7 Dm*  
**For to you all grace belongs.**

## **1** Verse 1:

*F G Dm*  
**Crimes and faults and laziness;**  
*F G A*  
**Talents wasted, time misspent;**  
*A#Maj7 Dm G F Dm*  
**Hearts corrupted by our worldly cares,**  
*F G A*  
**Filled with selfish discontent.**

## **2** Verse 2:

*F G Dm*  
**Foolish fears and wrong desires;**  
*F G A*  
**Chasing after what is vain;**  
*A#Maj7 Dm G F Dm*  
**Lips too seldom taught to praise our God,**  
*F G A*  
**Prone to murmur and complain.**

## **3** Verse 3:

*F G Dm*  
**We are filled with secret sins**  
*F G A*  
**Which before you now we own;**  
*A#Maj7 Dm G F Dm*  
**Humble at your feet we face the ground**

*F*                      *G*                                      *A*  
**Seeking pardon from your throne.**

**E** Ending:

*Dm*                      *C*                                      *G/B*  
**God of mercy! God of love!**

*A#Maj7*                      *A7*                                      *Dm*  
**You will hear our humble songs;**

*Dm*                      *C*                                      *G/B*  
**Jesus' blood and righteousness-**

*A#Maj7*                      *A7*                                      *Dm*  
**They have covered all our wrongs.**