
25 Monday

MONDAY, 2nd WEEK of LENT

Daniel 9: 4-10

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God our Father, teach us humility to acknowledge our sins, grant us the trust to ask your pardon and forgiveness, and give us grace to be attentive to your word.

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