

THE GREAT LITANY

To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from battle and murder, and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy incarnation; by thy holy nativity and submission to the Law; by thy baptism, fasting, and temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy Cross and passion; by thy precious death and burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy glorious resurrection and ascension; by the sending of the Holy Ghost; by thy heavenly intercession; and by thy coming again in power and great glory,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: That it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest; to prosper their work by thy Holy Ghost; to make thy saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten the coming of thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule the hearts of thy servant *N*, the *President/Sovereign/Prime Minister*, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and show mercy, and walk humbly before thee,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all judges, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep our armed forces by sea, by land, and by air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and protect all who serve their communities by their labor and learning,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; and to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives; refugees, the homeless, and the hungry; and all those who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen those bound in Holy Wedlock; to uphold the widowed and abandoned; and to comfort all whose homes are torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to protect the unborn and their parents, and to preserve all women laboring in childbirth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to care for those who have lost children or face infertility, and to provide for young children and orphans,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely and those who grieve; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain unto thy

heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

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○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

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Have mercy upon us.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world;

Grant us thy peace.

○ Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

When the Litany is sung or said immediately before the Eucharist, the Litany concludes here, and the Eucharist begins with the Salutation ("The Lord be with you") and the Collect of the Day.

On all other occasions, the Officiant and People say or sing together

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;
As we do put our trust in thee.

The Officiant says the following

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear unto us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Officiant may add other prayers, and may end the Litany, saying

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

THE SUPPLICATION

For use in the Litany in place of the Versicle and Collect which follows the Lord's Prayer; or at the end of Morning or Evening Prayer; or as a separate devotion. The Supplication is especially appropriate in times of war, or of great anxiety, or of disaster.

O Lord, arise and help us;
And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise and help us;
And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. **Amen.**

O Lord, arise and help us;
And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Pitfully behold the sorrows of our hearts;
Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;
O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;
**Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us,
O Lord Christ.**

The Officiant prays

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Supplication may end here, or may conclude with the prayer of St. John Chrysostom and the Grace (page 52).

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

The Great Litany may be used before the Eucharist, after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer, or separately.

It is particularly appropriate to use the Great Litany on the First Sunday of Advent and the First Sunday in Lent. It is also appropriate for Rogation days, other days of fasting or thanksgiving, and occasions of solemn and comprehensive entreaty.

Where local circumstance or pastoral need dictates, the Officiant may reduce the number of petitions and responses prayed.