

THE LITANY

IN CONTEMPORARY LANGUAGE

The Litany is recommended for use on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays, particularly in the seasons of Advent and Lent and on Rogation Days.

When it is used as a separate service it may be preceded by a psalm, canticle or hymn and one of the readings of the day.

The Litany may be used in Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer after the Apostles' Creed as The Prayers of the People when it should conclude with the Collect of the Day and the Lord's Prayer.

The Litany may be said in whole or in part. Sections 1 and 5 should always be said.

1

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, giver of life,
have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three Persons in one God,
have mercy on us.

2

Save us, good Lord, from all sin and wickedness, from pride, hypocrisy and conceit, from envy, hatred and malice, and all uncharitableness,
save us, good Lord.

From sins of thought, word and deed, from the lusts of the flesh, from the deceits of the world and the snares of the devil,
save us, good Lord.

From fire, storm and flood, from disease, pestilence and want, from war and murder, and from dying unprepared,
save us, good Lord.

From all false doctrine, from hardness of heart, from contempt of your word and commandment, and from the evil of schism.
save us, good Lord.

In times of sorrow and in times of joy, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,
save us, good Lord.

3

Save us, Lord Christ, by the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your birth, childhood and obedience, by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your ministry in word and work, by your mighty acts of power, and by your preaching of the kingdom,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your agony and trial, by your cross and passion, and by your precious death and burial,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
save us, Lord Christ.

4

FOR THE CHURCH

Hear us, good Lord: govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is your will,
hear us, good Lord.

Give your Church courage to preach the gospel and to make disciples of all the nations,
hear us, good Lord.

Give knowledge and understanding to bishops, priests and deacons, that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your word,
hear us, good Lord.

Give all people grace to receive your word and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,
hear us, good Lord.

Bring all who have erred and are deceived into the way of truth,
hear us, good Lord.

FOR THE STATE

Guard and bless our rulers, especially ...
and grant that they may trust in you, and seek your honour and glory,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless our country, and give grace, wisdom and understanding to all in
authority,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless the European Union,
and draw us closer to one another in justice and freedom,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice in
honesty and truth,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep all who maintain peace and safety,
hear us, good Lord.

Give to all nations unity, peace and concord,
hear us, good Lord.

FOR ALL PEOPLE ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS

Strengthen the faithful, comfort and help the faint-hearted, raise up those
who fall, and drive out all evil,
hear us, good Lord.

Support and encourage all who are in poverty, unemployment or distress,
protect those whose work is dangerous, and keep in safety all who travel,
hear us, good Lord.

Keep fathers, mothers and children united in their family life, and give
them wisdom and strength in times of stress,
hear us, good Lord.

Heal the sick, care for the old and lonely, and comfort the bereaved,
hear us, good Lord.

Remember the poor who long to hear good news: give us the will to
strengthen them through acts of generous love,
hear us, good Lord.

Show your pity on victims of strife, on the homeless and the hungry, on
prisoners, and on all who live in fear,
hear us, good Lord.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts,
hear us, good Lord.

Guide and direct all who influence others through the written or the spoken
word, and inspire all who serve mankind in science, industry and art,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep all your people,
hear us, good Lord.

Teach us to use the resources of the earth to your glory, that all may share
in your goodness and praise you for your loving kindness,
hear us, good Lord.

5

Saviour of the world, forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done,
and left undone; grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit that we may
amend our lives according to your holy word, and share with all your people
the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.

The end of the Litany

When the Litany is used as a separate service it is followed by the Lord's Prayer.