

THE LITANY

When said at The Service, it shall be used instead of the Form of General Prayer there appointed, and be followed by a Hymn and the Benediction.

When said at Matins or Vespers, it shall immediately follow the Canticle, and after it shall be said the Benedicamus and the Benediction.

L signifies parts said by a leader or presiding minister. **V** is a versicle (Short verse) also said by the leader. **R** is the response by the congregation. **All** is parts said by leader and congregation together.

*When used as a special Office, the Order shall be: The Minister shall say: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R** Amen. Then shall be said one or more of the Psalms with the Gloria Patri. A brief Lesson with the Response, and a Hymn may follow. Then shall the Litany be said, and after the last Collect shall follow this Benediction: The Blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **R** Amen. The Responses shall be sung or said by the Congregation.*

L Lord, have mercy on us.

R **Lord, have mercy on us.**

L Christ, have mercy on us.

R **Christ, have mercy on us.**

L Lord, have mercy on us.

R **Lord, have mercy on us.**

L O Christ, hear us.

R **O Christ, hear us.**

L O God, the Father in heaven:

R **Have mercy on us.**

L O God the Son, Redeemer of the world:

R **Have mercy on us.**

L O God, the Holy Spirit:

R **Have mercy on us.**

L Be gracious to us.

R **Spare us, good Lord.**

L Be gracious to us.

R **Help us, good Lord.**

L From all sin;
from all error;
from all evil:

R **Good Lord, deliver us.**

L From the crafts and assaults of the devil;
from sudden and evil death;

from pestilence and famine;
from war and bloodshed;
from sedition and rebellion;
from lightning and tempest;
from all calamity by fire and water;
and from everlasting death:

R Good Lord, deliver us.

L By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your holy nativity;
by your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by your agony and bloody sweat;
by your cross and passion;
by your precious death and burial;
by your glorious resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

R Help us, good Lord.

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

R Help us, good Lord.

L We poor sinners pray;

R Hear us, O Lord God.

L And to rule and govern your holy Christian Church;
to preserve all pastors and ministers of your church in the true knowledge and understanding
of your Word, and in holiness of life;
to put an end to all schisms and causes of offence;
to bring into the way of truth all who have gone astray and are deceived;
to beat down Satan under our feet;
to send faithful laborers into your harvest;
to accompany your Word with your Spirit and grace;
to raise up those who fall, and to strengthen those who stand;
and to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:

R We pray, hear us good Lord.

L To give to all nations peace and concord;
to preserve our country from discord and contention;
to give to our nation victory over all its enemies;
to direct and defend our President, and all in authority;
and to bless and keep our judges, leaders, and all our people:

R We pray, hear us good Lord.

L To see and help all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble;

to protect all who travel by land or water;
to preserve all women in the perils of childbirth;
to strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children;
to set free all who are innocently imprisoned;
to defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows;
and to have mercy on all people:

R We pray, hear us good Lord.

L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;
to give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;
and graciously to hear our prayers:

R We pray, hear us good Lord.

L O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;

R We pray, hear us.

L O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

R Have mercy on us.

L O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

R Have mercy on us.

L O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

R Grant us your peace.

L O Christ, hear us.

R O Christ, hear us.

L Lord, have mercy on us.

R Lord, have mercy on us.

L Christ, have mercy on us.

R Christ, have mercy on us.

L Lord, have mercy on us.

R Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in
heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and
the glory are yours now and
forever. Amen.

or 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.

Then may the Minister say the Collect for the Day, except when The Litany is used at The Service. Then may be said one or more of the Litany Collects here following.

V O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins,
R **nor repay us according to our iniquities.** (*Psalm 103:10*)

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you do not desire the death of sinners, but that they turn from their evil ways and live. Graciously keep those punishments from us which we deserve for our sins, and grant us grace to serve you with pure and holy lives; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

R **Amen.**

V Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
R **deliver us, and atone for our sins, for your name's sake!** (*Psalm 79:9*)

L Almighty and eternal God, by your Holy Spirit you govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church. Hear our prayers for all members of your Church, and mercifully grant that by your grace they may serve you in true faith; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

R **Amen.**

V O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins,
R **nor repay us according to our iniquities.** (*Psalm 103:10*)

L O God, merciful Father, you do not despise the sighing of a contrite heart or the desire of those who are sorrowful. Mercifully help us in all our troubles and adversities whenever they oppress us. Graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or humanity work against us, may be brought to nothing by your will and purpose, that we your servants, may be hurt by no persecutions, and may evermore give thanks to you in your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

R **Amen.**

V Enter not into judgment with your servant,
R **for no one living is righteous before you.** (*Psalm 143:2*)

L Almighty God, you know that we are surrounded by so many great dangers, and because of our weakness, we cannot always stand upright. Give us strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

R **Amen.**

V Call upon me in the day of trouble;
R **I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.** (*Psalm 50:15*)

L Spare us, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins. Though by our continual transgressions we have earned your punishments, be gracious to us, and grant that all those evils which we have deserved may be turned from us and overruled to our everlasting good; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

R **Amen.**

✓ May the Lord give strength to his people!

✠ **May the Lord bless his people with peace!** (*Psalm 29:11*)

℣ O God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us from the fear of our enemies, that we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

✠ **Amen.**

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