**Wednesday of Holy Week - THE LITANY**

*Here followeth the Litany, or General Supplication, to be sung or said after Morning Prayer, upon Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and at other times when it shall be commanded by the Ordinary.*

O GOD the Father of heaven: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

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Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences 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 be not angry with 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 uncharitableness,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From fornication, and all other deadly sin; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

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

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; 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; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,

***Good Lord, deliver us.***

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and 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 keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy Servant ELIZABETH, our most gracious Queen and Governor,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to rule her heart in thy faith, fear, and love, and that she may evermore have affiance in thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to be her defender and keeper, giving her the victory over all her enemies,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to bless and preserve Philip Duke of Edinburgh, Charles Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family,

***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 shew it accordingly,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to endue the Lords of the Council, and all the Nobility, with grace, wisdom, and understanding,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

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

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

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

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

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

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons, and young children; and to shew thy pity upon all prisoners and captives,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the father-less children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed,

***We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

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

***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 give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them,

***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.***

Son of God: we beseech thee to hear us.

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O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

***Grant us thy peace.***

O Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world;

***Have mercy upon us.***

O Christ, hear us.

***O Christ, hear us.***

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

*Then shall the Priest, and the people with him, say the Lord's Prayer.*

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Priest.*O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

*Answer.*Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Let us pray.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not  the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful: Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***O Lord, arise, 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, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

*Answer.*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

***Graciously look upon our afflictions.***

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

***Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.***

Favourably 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.***

*Priest.*O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us;

*Answer.*As we do put our trust in thee.

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 honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Hymn (NEH 90)***

**1 O sacred Head, sore wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown!  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.**

**2 What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
was all for sinners’ gain.  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
’Tis I deserve thy place.  
Look on me with thy favour,  
and grant to me thy grace.**

**3 What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest Friend,  
for this, thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever,  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.**

**4 Be near when I am dying,  
oh, show thy cross to me,  
and for my rescue, flying,  
come, Lord, and set me free!  
These eyes, new faith receiving,  
from Jesus shall not move,  
for one who dies believing  
dies safely, through thy love.**

*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at  this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13*

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.**

*Here endeth the Litany.*