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Powerful Prayers for the Suffering

Litany of the Saints

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This is to be believed to be the most ancient of the Church's litanies, dating back to the 3rd century. There are different forms of the *Litany of the Saints* used for different rites in the Church. The form listed on this page is said during Last Rites.

Lord, have mercy, *Lord, have mercy*
 Christ, have mercy, *Christ, have mercy*
 Lord, have mercy, *Lord, have mercy*

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *pray for him/her*
 Holy angels of God, *pray for him/her*
 Abraham, our father in faith,
 pray for him/her
 David, leader of God's people,
 pray for him/her
 All holy patriarchs and prophets,
 pray for him/her

St. John the Baptist, *pray for him/her*
 St. Joseph, *pray for him/her*
 St. Peter and St. Paul, *pray for him/her*
 St. Andrew, *pray for him/her*
 St. John, *pray for him/her*
 St. Mary Magdalen, *pray for him/her*
 St. Stephen, *pray for him/her*
 St. Ignatius, *pray for him/her*
 St. Lawrence, *pray for him/her*
 St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, *pray for him/her*
 St. Agnes, *pray for him/her*
 St. Gregory, *pray for him/her*
 St. Augustine, *pray for him/her*
 St. Athanasius, *pray for him/her*
 St. Basil, *pray for him/her*
 St. Martin, *pray for him/her*
 St. Benedict, *pray for him/her*
 St. Francis and St. Dominic, *pray for him/her*
 St. Francis Xavier, *pray for him/her*
 St. John Vianney, *pray for him/her*
 St. Catherine, *pray for him/her*
 St. Teresa, *pray for him/her*

Other saints may be included here
 All holy men and women, *pray for him/her*

Lord, be merciful, *Lord, save your people*
 From all evil, *Lord, save your people*
 From every sin, *Lord, save your people*
 From Satan's power, *Lord, save your people*
 At the moment of death, *Lord, save your people*
 From everlasting death, *Lord, save your people*
 On the day of judgment,
 Lord, save your people
 By Your coming as man, *Lord, save your people*
 By Your suffering and cross,
 Lord, save your people
 By Your death and rising to new life,
 Lord, save your people
 By Your return in glory to the Father,
 Lord, save your people
 By Your gift of the Holy Spirit,
 Lord, save your people
 By Your coming again in glory,
 Lord, save your people

Be merciful to us sinners,
 Lord, hear our prayer
 Bring (*name*) to eternal life, first promised to
 him/her in baptism,
 Lord, hear our prayer
 Raise (*name*) on the last day, for he/she has
 eaten the bread of life,
 Lord, hear our prayer
 Let (*name*) share in Your glory, for he/she has
 shared in Your suffering and death,
 Lord, hear our prayer
 Jesus, Son of the living God,
 Lord, hear our prayer

Christ, hear us, *Christ, hear us*
 Lord Jesus, hear our prayer,
 Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

Other forms of this Litany also include various appeals to our Lord, as shown below. Whatever form we use, and whether it is prayed alone or in a group setting, we (the Church militant) call upon the Saints in Heaven to help us here on earth and the souls in Purgatory. As it states in one of the Eucharistic prayers said at Mass to God: "*May their merits and prayers gain us Your constant help and protection.*"

Be merciful, *spare us, O Lord*

Be merciful, *graciously hear us, O Lord*

From all evil, *deliver us, O Lord*

From all sin, *deliver us, O Lord*

From Your wrath, *deliver us, O Lord*

From sudden and unprovided death, *deliver us, O Lord*

From the snares of the devil, *deliver us, O Lord*

From anger, hatred, and all ill will, *deliver us, O Lord*

From all lewdness and fornication, *deliver us, O Lord*

From lightning and tempest, *deliver us, O Lord*

From the scourge of earthquakes, *deliver us, O Lord*

From the plague, famine, and war, *deliver us, O Lord*

From everlasting death, *deliver us, O Lord*

We sinners, *we beg you to hear us*

That You spare us, *we beg you to hear us*

That You pardon us, *we beg you to hear us*

That You bring us to true penance, *we beg you to hear us*

That You govern and preserve Your holy Church,

we beg you to hear us

That You preserve our Holy Father and all ranks in the Church in holy religion, *we beg you to hear us*

That You humble the enemies of the holy Church, *we beg you to hear us*

That You give peace and true harmony to all Christian rulers, *we beg you to hear us*

That You give peace and unity to the whole Christian world, *we beg you to hear us*

That You restore to the unity of the Church all who have strayed from the truth, and lead all unbelievers to the light of the Gospel, *we beg you to hear us*

That You confirm and preserve us in Your holy service, *we beg you to hear us*

The You lift up our minds to heavenly desires, *we beg you to hear us*

That You grant everlasting blessings to all our benefactors, *we beg you to hear us*

That You deliver our souls and the souls of our family, relatives, and those who assist us, from everlasting damnation, *we beg you to hear us*

That You give and preserve the fruits of the earth, *we beg you to hear us*

That You grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed, *we beg you to hear us*

That You graciously hear us, Son of God. *we beg you to hear us*



Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord*
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord*
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us*

Christ, hear us, *Christ, graciously hear us*
 Lord, have mercy. *Christ have mercy.* Lord have mercy

Let us pray — O God, Whose nature is always to have mercy and to spare Your children, receive our humble petition: that we, and all Your servants who are bound by the chain of sin, may by the compassion of Your goodness be mercifully absolved.

Graciously hear, we beseech You, O Lord, the prayer of Your suppliants, and forgive the sins of those that confess to You: that, in Your bounty, You may grant us pardon and peace.

In Your clemency, O Lord, show Your unspeakable mercy to us: that You may both loose us from all our sins, and deliver us from the punishments which we deserve for them.

O God, Who are offended by sin, and appeased by penance, mercifully regard the prayers of Your people making supplication to You, and turn away the scourges of Your anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O God, from Whom flow all holy desires, right counsels, and just works, give unto Your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts, given over to Your commands, and our times with the fear of our foes removed, may by Your protection be peaceful.

Inflame, O Lord, our hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit: that we may serve You with a chaste body and please You with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Your departed servants the remission of all their sins: that through our pious supplications, they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired.

Almighty, everlasting God, Who has dominion over the living and the dead and are merciful to all: we humbly beseech You, that they for whom we intend to pour forth our prayers, whether still living in this present world or departed from this world, may obtain the remission of all their sins through the intercession of all Your Saints and the clemency of Your goodness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.



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