

The litany

The litany was included in the authorised Lutheran Hymnal (1973), and was modernised by the Department of Liturgics for the combined Lutheran Hymnal with Supplement (1989).

NOTE

The litany may be used at the service on Sundays in place of the prayer of the church, except on festivals and at the celebration of communion. It may be used at matins and vespers, except on festivals. When used at matins or vespers, it immediately follows the canticle, and the 'Let us bless' and the blessing are said after it. It may be used alone on days of repentance.

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Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

O God, the Father in heaven,

have mercy on us.

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

O God, the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Be gracious to us.
Spare us, good Lord.

Be gracious to us.
Help us, good Lord.

From all sin;
from all error;
from all evil;
good Lord, deliver us.

From the cunning assaults of the devil;
from an unprepared evil death;
from epidemic and famine;
from war and violence;
from injustice and corruption;
from subversion and rebellion;
from drought and storm;
from fire and flood;
and from everlasting death;
good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your holy birth;
by your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by your agony and cross;
by your death and burial;
by your resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter;

help us, good Lord.

In all times of trouble;
in all times of prosperity;
in the hour of death;
and in the day of judgment;

help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners beg you,
hear us, O Lord God.

To rule and govern your holy Christian church;
to preserve all pastors and servants of your church in the right
understanding of your word, and in holiness of life;
to put an end to all divisions and causes of offence to those who would
believe;
to bring back to your truth all who have been deceived and have gone
astray.
to trample Satan under our feet;
to send faithful workers into your harvest;
to accompany your word with your Spirit and power;
to raise up those who fall, and to strengthen those who stand;
and to comfort and help the faint-hearted and the distressed;

hear us, good Lord.

To give to all nations peace and harmony;
to preserve our country from dissension and strife;
to direct and defend our *Queen*, and all in government;
to guide those who administer justice;
and to bless all our people;

hear us, good Lord.

To support all who are in danger, need, or trouble;
to protect all who travel by land or sea or air;
to heal the sick and protect the children;

to set free all who are innocently imprisoned;
to be with all who have lost husband or wife, and to provide for all
children who have lost their parents;
and to have mercy on all people;

hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their
hearts;

to give and preserve for our use the fruits of the earth;
and graciously to hear our prayers;

hear us, good Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

hear us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us your peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.