

The Litany of the Saints

The Litany of the Saints is one of the oldest litanies we possess and is the model for all other Litanies. Its first recorded use was in 590 when Pope St. Gregory prescribed its usage for a public procession of thanksgiving. The Litany is a call to remember those who have gone before us and to ask their intercession. The form given below reflects the Orthodox Western Rite usage.

Use before Liturgy the Sunday before Ascension Thursday.

I SUPPLICATION TO GOD

Priest or Chanter



Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



Chris-te, e-le-i-son.



Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



Christ Je-sus, hear us.



Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

All:



R. Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



R. Chris-te, e-le-i-son.



R. Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



R. Christ Je-sus, hear us.



R. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.



God, the Fa-ther of heav-en,

God, the Son, the Redeemer of the world,

God, the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, one God,



R. Have mer-cy on us.

R. Have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us.

II TO THE SAINTS



Ho-ly Ma-ry

Holy Mother of God

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Saint Michael,

Saint Gabriel,

Saint Raphael,

Saint Uriel

All you holy Angels and Archangels,

All you holy orders of blessed Spirits,



R. Pray for us.

R. Pray for us.

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Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Joseph,

All you holy Patriarchs and Prophets,

R. Pray for us.

R. Pray for us.

R. Pray for us.

Saint Peter,

Saint Paul,

Saint Andrew,

Saint James, (the greater)

Saint John,

Saint Thomas,

R. Pray for us.

R. Pray for us.

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Saint James, (the lesser)

Saint Phillip

Saint Bartholomew

Saint Matthew

Saint Simon,

Saint Thaddeus,

Saint Matthias,

Saint Barnabas,

Saint Luke,

Saint Mark

R. Pray for us.

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All you holy Apostles and Evangelists

All you holy Disciples of the Lord,

R. Pray for us.

R. Pray for us.

MARTYRS

All you holy Innocents,

Saint Stephen,

Saint Ignatius (of Antioch),

Saint Polycarp,

Saint Justin,

Saint Lawrence,

Saint Vincent,

Saints Fabian and Sebastian,

Saints John and Paul,

Saints Cosmas and Damian,

Saints Gervase and Protase,

Saint Cyprian,

Saint Boniface

Saints Perpetua and Felicity,

All you holy Martyrs,

R. Pray for us.

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BISHOPS AND DOCTORS

Saint Sylvester,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Leo (the great)	R. Pray for us.
Saint Gregory,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Ambrose,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Augustine	R. Pray for us.
Saint Jerome	R. Pray for us.
Saint Athanasius,	R. Pray for us.
Saints Basil and Gregory (of Nazianus),	R. Pray for us.
Saint John Chrysostom,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Martin,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Nicholas,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Patrick	R. Pray for us.
Saints Cyril and Methodius	R. Pray for us.
All you Holy Doctors,	R. Pray for us.
All you holy Hierarchs and Confessors	R. Pray for us.

PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Saint Anthony,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Pachomius	R. Pray for us.
Saint Benedict,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Bernard,	R. Pray for us.
All you holy Priests and Levites	R. Pray for us.
All you holy Monks and Hermits	R. Pray for us.

HOLY WOMEN OF GOD

Saint Ann,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Mary Magdalene,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Agatha,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Lucy,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Agnes,	R. Pray for us.
Saint Cecilia,	R. Pray for us.

Saint Catherine,
Saint Anastasia
Saint Scholastica
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,

R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.

LAITY

Saints Aquila and Priscilla,
Saint Louis,
Saint Monica,
Saint Maria
All ye holy men and women, Saints of God

R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.

SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

Saint Herman of Alaska,
Saint John of Shanghai & San Francisco,
Saint Innocent of Alaska,
Saint Juvenaly,
Saint Patriarch Tikhon,
Saint Peter the Aleut,
Saint Raphael of Brooklyn,
All you holy men and women
of North America

R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.
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R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.
R. Pray for us.

III INVOCATION TO CHRIST

Be mer-ci-ful

Be mer-ci-ful

R. Spare us, O Lord.

R. Spare us, O Lord.



Be mer-ci-ful



From all e-vil

From all sin,
 From your wrath,
 From sudden
 and unprovided death,
 From the snares of the devil,
 From anger,
 hatred, and all ill-will,
 From the spirit of fornication,
 From lightning and tempest,
 From the scourge of earthquake,
 From plague, famine and war,
 From everlasting death,
 Through the mystery
 of Your holy Incarnation,
 Through Your coming,
 Through Your nativity,
 Through Your Baptism
 and holy fasting,
 Through Your Cross and Passion,
 Through Your Death and Burial,
 Through Your Holy Resurrection,
 Through your
 wondrous Ascension,



R. Gra-cious-ly hear us, O Lord



R. De - liv-er us, O Lord

R. Deliver us, O Lord.

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R. Deliver us, O Lord.

Through the coming
of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete,
In the Day of Judgment,

R. Deliver us, O Lord.
R. Deliver us, O Lord.

IV SUPPLICATION FOR VARIOUS NEEDS



We sin-ners,

That You would spare us,
That You would pardon us,
That You would
bring us to true repentance,

That You would
govern and preserve
Your Holy Church,

That You would preserve
our Archbishop,
and all orders of the Church,

That You would humble
the enemies of Holy Church,

That You would grant peace
and true concord
to the nations of the world,

That You would grant peace
and unity to all
Christian peoples,



R. We be-seech you, hear us

R. We beseech you, hear us

R. We beseech you, hear us

R. We beseech you, hear us

R. We beseech you, hear us

R. We beseech you, hear us

R. We beseech you, hear us

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R. We beseech you, hear us

That You would call back
to the unity of the Church
all who have strayed from her fold,
and to guide all unbelievers
into the light of the Gospel, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

That You would confirm and
preserve us in
Your holy service, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

That You would lift up our minds
to heavenly desires, **R.** We beseech you, hear us.

That You would render eternal
blessing to all
our benefactors, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

That You would deliver our souls
and the souls of our brethren,
relations and benefactors
from eternal damnation, **R.** We beseech you, hear us.

That You would
grant and preserve
the fruits of the earth, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

That You would grant
eternal rest
to all the faithful departed, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

That You would
graciously hear us, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

Son of God, **R.** We beseech you, hear us

V CONCLUSION



Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins of the world,



R. Spare us, O Lord.



Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins of the world,



R. Gra-cious-ly hear us, O Lord



Lamb of God, who takes a-way the sins of the world,



R. Have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, hear us!



R. O Christ, hear us!



O Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.



R. O Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.



Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



R. Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



Chris-te, e-le-i-son.



Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



R. Chris-te, e-le-i-son.



R. Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

Our Father (in silence until)

And lead us not into temptation, **R.** But deliver us from evil.

V. Save Your servants,

R. Who put their hope in you, O God.

V. Be to us, O Lord, a tower of strength.

R. In the face of the enemy.

V. Let not the enemy prevail against us.

R. Nor the son of iniquity have power to harm us.

V. O Lord, do not repay us according to our sins.

R. Nor reward us according to our wickedness.

V. Let us pray for our (Arch) bishop **N.**

R. The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. Deign to grant, O Lord, for the sake of Your Name, eternal life to all those who do good to us.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen

V. For our absent brethren.

R. Save Your servants who hope in you, O my God.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from Your holy place.

R. And from Zion protect them.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come to you.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

The Collects

One or more of the following are used:

Let us pray:

O God, Whose nature is always to have mercy and to spare us, receive our petition; that we and all Your servants who are bound by the chains of sin may, by the compassion of Your goodness be mercifully absolved.

Graciously hear, we beseech You, O Lord, the prayers of Your supplicants, and forgive the sins of those who confess to you: that in Your gracious goodness You may grant us both pardon and peace.

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Your servant, **N.**, our (Arch) Bishop: and direct him according to Your clemency into the way of everlasting salvation: that, by Your grace, he may desire those things which are pleasing to You, and accomplish them with all his strength.

Direct, O Lord, all our actions by Your holy inspirations and carry them on by Your gracious assistance; that every prayer and work of ours may always begin with You and by You be happily ended through Christ our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who has dominion over the living and the dead, and are merciful to all whom You foreknow shall be Yours by faith and good works: we humbly beseech You; that those for whom we pour forth our prayers, whether this present world still detains them in the flesh, or the world to come has already received them out of their bodies, may, through the intercession of all Your Saints, and in Your compassionate goodness, obtain the pardon of all their sins. Through Christ our Lord.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with Your spirit.

V. May the almighty and most merciful Lord graciously hear us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.