

A Litany for the Church
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¶ *For use at the Founding and Opening of a Church, and at other times.*

O GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;

Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God;

Have mercy upon us.

O CHRIST, the Rock upon which thy Church is built, whereon thy People, as living stones fitly framed together, grow into a spiritual house;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, the Vine of which thy People are the branches, that they may bring forth fruit an hundredfold;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, the Head of thy Body, the Church, whereof all thy People are the members;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, our Prophet, who teachest the way of God in truth;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, our Priest, who didst offer up thyself upon the Cross, and ever livest to make intercession for us with the Father;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, our King, who reignest over all the earth, and makest us the citizens of thy heavenly Kingdom;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

O Christ, who didst send the Holy Ghost upon the Church at Pentecost, enduing it with power from on high;

Defend thy Church, O Lord.

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WE do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that we may continue steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt fulfil thy promise to be with us always, even unto the end of the world;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt bless the Clergy of thy Church, that they may diligently preach the Gospel, and faithfully administer the holy Sacraments;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That thou wilt heal the divisions in thy Church, that we all may be one, even as thou art one with the Father;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That every member of the Church in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve thee;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ *When this Litany is used separately the Kyries and Lord's Prayer shall follow here.*

Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause;

And forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.

Look down from heaven, behold, and visit this vine;

And the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;

And let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

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Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

NOW unto him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.