

One or more of the following Litany Collects may be spoken or chanted.

L: O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.

C: Do not reward us according to our iniquities.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that we turn from our evil ways and live. Graciously spare us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and grant us always to serve You in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus, Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OR

L: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name.

C: Deliver us and purge away our sins for Your name's sake.

L: Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all its members. Mercifully grant that, by Your grace, we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OR

L: O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.

C: Do not reward us according to our iniquities.

L: O God, merciful Father, You have promised to hear the prayers of all who in repentance call out to You. Graciously hear us so that all evils which beset us may be of no avail, that we, Your servants, may evermore give thanks to You in Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OR

L: O Lord, enter not into judgment with Your servant.

C: For in Your sight shall no man living be justified.

L: Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we can not stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OR

L: Call on Me in the day of trouble.

C: I will deliver you, and you will glorify Me.

L: Spare us, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins. Though by our continual transgressions we have merited Your chastisements, be gracious to us. Grant that all these punishments which we have deserved may not come upon us, but that all things may work to our everlasting good; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Litany

LCMS President Pastor Matthew Harrison asks for members of LCMS churches to pray the Litany daily during Lent as a way to help improve our devotion times. His wording: "Left to ourselves, bereft of texts as the foundation of our prayers, we are often left praying "Dear God, give me a mini-bike," as I was wont to pray as a 12 year old – and am prone to pray even today! ... The fulsome petitions of the Litany take us out of ourselves, to pray for the church, pastors and teachers, our enemies, women with children, the poor, the imprisoned and much much more." The Litany is found on page 288 of The Lutheran Hymnal, page 1310 of Treasury of Daily Prayer, or more information about this can be found online at <http://yaag.org/r/litany>

L: O Lord, **C: have mercy.**
L: O Christ, **C: have mercy.**
L: O Lord, **C: have mercy.**
L: O Christ, **C: hear us.**
L: God the Father in heaven, **C: have mercy.**
L: God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **C: have mercy.**
L: God the Holy Spirit, **C: have mercy.**
L: Be gracious to us. **C: Spare us, good Lord.**
L: Be gracious to us. **C: Help us, good Lord.**
L: From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and
from rebellion;
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from
everlasting death:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

L: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody
sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the
Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C: Help us, good Lord.

L: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of
death; and in the day of judgment:

C: Help us, good Lord.

L: We poor sinners implore You

C: to hear us, O Lord.

L: To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and
ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of
Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of
truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your
harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L: To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort
and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L: To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord
and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect
our magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to
protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children,
increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows
and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those
in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their
hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and
graciously to hear our prayers:

C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: we implore You to hear us.

L: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: have mercy.

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L: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C: grant us Your peace.

L: O Christ,

C: hear us.

L: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

L: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

L: O Lord,

C: have mercy. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**