Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, (spare us, O Lord.)

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, (graciously hear us, O Lord.)

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, (have mercy on us, O Lord.)

Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood. (And made us, for our God, a kingdom.)

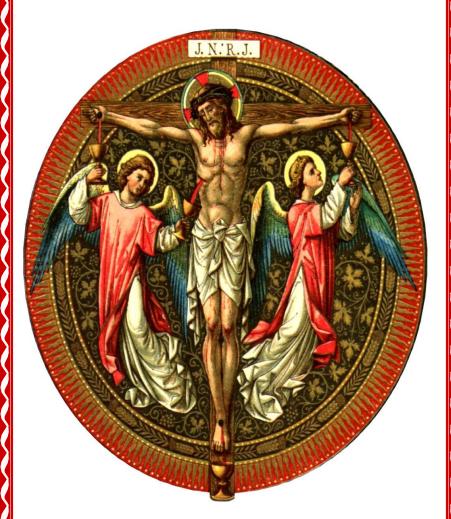
Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, Thou hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world and willed to be appeased by his blood. Grant, we beg of Thee, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. (Amen.)

The faithful who pray any of these Litanies, under the usual conditions, receive a partial indulgence. When prayed, one person (or half the people) chants or reads the invocation while the others chant or read the responses which are in italics in the previous pages.



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## LITANY TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS



BLOOD OF CHRIST, POURED OUT ON THE CROSS, SAVE US!

## The Six Litanies Approved for Public Recitation

From the Catholic Encyclopedia:

A litany is a well known and much appreciated form of responsive petition, used in public liturgical services, and in private devotions, for common necessities of the Church, or in calamities — to implore God's aid or to appease His just wrath. This form of prayer finds its model in Psalm cxxxv: 'Praise the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Praise ye the God of gods . . . the Lord of lords . . . Who alone doth great wonders . . . Who made the heavens', etc., with the concluding words in each verse, "for His mercy endureth forever."...

...Litanies appeared in honour of God the Father, of God the Son, of God the Holy Ghost, of the Precious Blood, of the Blessed Virgin, of the Immaculate Conception, of each of the saints honoured in different countries, for the souls in Purgatory, etc. In 1601 Baronius wrote that about eighty forms were in circulation. To prevent abuse, Pope Clement VIII, by decree of the Inquisition of 6 Sept., 1601, forbade the publication of any litany, except that of the saints as found in the liturgical books and that of Loreto. Today the litanies approved for public recitation are: of All Saints, of Loreto, of the Holy Name, of the Sacred Heart, of St. Joseph [Ed. and, approved in 1960, of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ].

Many, many other litanies exist, and all of them may be prayed privately, but only these six are approved for public prayer.

The Litany of the Precious Blood is commonly recited in the month devoted to the Blood, **July**.

## **Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

Lord, have mercy. (Lord, have mercy.)
Christ, have mercy. (Christ, have mercy.)
Lord, have mercy. (Lord, have mercy.)

Christ, hear us. (Christ, hear us.)
Christ, graciously hear us. (Christ, graciously hear us.)

God the Father of Heaven, (have mercy on us.)
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, (have mercy on us.)
God, the Holy Spirit, (have mercy on us.)
Holy Trinity, One God, (have mercy on us.)

Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the eternal Father, Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God, Blood of Christ, of the New and Eternal Testament. Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in Agony, Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging, Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns, Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross, Blood of Christ, price of our salvation, Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness, Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls, Blood of Christ, stream of mercy, Blood of Christ, victor over demons, Blood of Christ, courage of Martyrs, Blood of Christ, strength of Confessors, Blood of Christ, bringing forth Virgins, Blood of Christ, help of those in peril, Blood of Christ, relief of the burdened, Blood of Christ, solace in sorrow, Blood of Christ, hope of the penitent, Blood of Christ, consolation of the dving, Blood of Christ, peace and tenderness of hearts, Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life, Blood of Christ, freeing souls from purgatory, Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor,

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