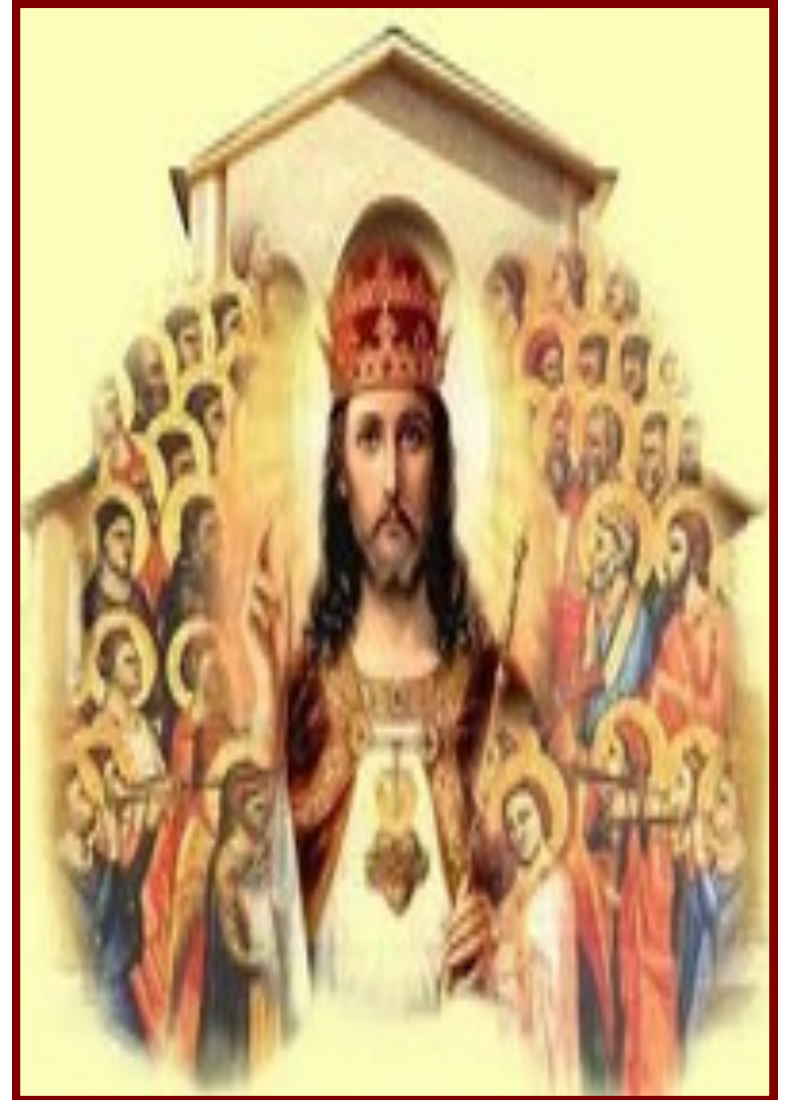


The faithful who pray any of these Litanies, under the usual conditions, receive a partial indulgence.

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.



LITANY OF THE SAINTS



***ALL YE HOLY SAINTS,
PRAY FOR 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 Saints

The Litany of the Saints -- the oldest of the litanies, dating to A.D. 595 -- is prayed liturgically at the Easter Vigil, during ordinations, on Rogation days, and also during solemn exorcisms, etc.. Privately, it is prayed any time one wishes, as with the other litanies, but is especially prayed after sundown on All Saints' Day in preparation for All Souls' Day, and on All Souls' Day itself.

This litany first invokes God in all Three Persons, then follows, in this order: Mary; the blessed spirits; St. Joseph and the Patriarchs and Prophets; the Apostles and Evangelists; all the disciples of the Lord; the Holy Innocents and the glorious martyrs; the holy Bishops and Confessors (those who suffer for the faith); the holy priests and Levites; the virgins and widows; and all holy men and women.

That Thou wouldst deliver our souls,
and the souls of our brethren,
relations, and benefactors, from
eternal damnation,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give
and preserve the fruits of the earth,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to
grant eternal rest to all the faithful
departed,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe
graciously to hear us,

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

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

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, (*have mercy on us.*)

Christ, (*hear us.*)

Christ, (*graciously hear us.*)

Lord, have mercy, (*Lord, have mercy.*)

Christ, have mercy, (*Christ, have mercy.*)

Lord, have mercy, (*Lord, have mercy.*)

[Our Father inaudibly] And lead us not into temptation (*but deliver us from evil.*)

We sinners,
That Thou wouldst spare us,

That Thou wouldst pardon us,

That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and
preserve Thy holy Church,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our
Apostolic Prelate, and all orders of the Church in
holy religion,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the
enemies of holy Church,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and
true concord to Christian kings and princes,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace
and unity to the whole Christian world,

That Thou wouldst 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

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and
preserve us in Thy holy service,

That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly
desires,

That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to
all our benefactors,

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*Note: The St. Vincent invoked is St. Vincent of Saragossa (i.e., "St. Vincent the Deacon"). The St. Anthony invoked is not St. Anthony of Padua, but St. Anthony of the Desert -- the Father of Monasticism. The St. Catherine invoked is not St. Catherine of Siena, but St. Catherine of Alexandria. The John and Paul invoked in the martyrs section are two pre-congregation martyrs, both of whom are also invoked during the *Communicantes* of the Canon of the Mass.*

Lord, have mercy on us. (*Lord have mercy on us.*)

Christ, have mercy on us. (*Christ have mercy on us.*)

Lord, have mercy on us. (*Lord, have mercy on us.*)

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 Ghost, (*have mercy on us.*)

Holy Trinity, one God, (*have mercy on us.*)

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,

St. Raphael,

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,

All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,

St. John the Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,

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