From Sabine Baring-Gould's

The Golden Gate

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Litany of the Ascension

Especially for Ascension-tide or Thursdays.

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"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Prepare thus

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, etc.

Open Thou our mouths, O Lord, to bless Thy holy name; cleanse our hearts from all vain, evil, and distracting thoughts; enlighten our understandings and inflame our wills, that we may worthily perform this holy exercise with attention and devotion, and may deserve to be heard in the presence of Thy divine majesty. Who with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth God, world without end. *Amen*.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

O God the Father of Heaven;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the elect:

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Trinity, one God;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, victor over death;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, triumphant evermore;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, enthroned in Heaven;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, King of Righteousness;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Prince of Peace;

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, God blessed for ever;

Have mercy upon us.

By Thy sojourn on earth in the midst of men;

Have mercy upon us.

By Thy triumph o'er the grave;

Have mercy upon us.

By Thy Ascension into Heaven;

Have mercy upon us.

By Thy session at the right hand of the Father:

Have mercy upon us.

Now that Thou, Who art bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, hast entered in Thy kingdom;

Remember me.

Now that Thou, after the pains of the bitter Cross, rejoicest in Paradise;

Remember me.

Now that Thou, after sore conflict, art crowned as victor;

Remember me.

Now that Thou art released from prison, and exalted to the king's palace;

Remember me.

Now that Thou art gone up on high to receive good gifts for men;

Remember me.

Now that Thou, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof, art carried up out of our sight;

Remember me.

Now that all power is given unto Thee in Heaven and in earth;

Remember me.

From all creation;

Glory be to Thee, O Christ.

From Cherubim and Seraphim;

Glory be to Thee, O Christ.

From Angels and Archangels, and all the heavenly host;

Glory be to Thee, O Christ.

From all people on earth, and all the saints in Paradise:

Glory be to Thee, O Christ.

From old men and maidens, young men and children;

Glory be to Thee, O Christ.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord, that Thou wilt bring all men to the knowledge of the truth;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That the gospel may be preached throughout all the world;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That all Christian people may have one heart and one mind;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That all things that offend may be gathered out of Thy Church;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That the number of the elect may be accomplished;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wilt pour forth the Holy Ghost abundantly;

We beseech Thee to hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, Who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*