

That it may please Thee to make *him* partaker of all Thy mercies and promises in Christ Jesus. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please Thee to vouchsafe *his* soul the estate of joy, bliss, & happiness, with all Thy blessed Saints, in Thy heavenly kingdom. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please Thee to grant *his* body rest and peace, and a part in the blessed Resurrection of Life and Glory. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us. **Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.**

O Lord God, Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world. **Have mercy upon us.**

Thou that takest away the sins of the world. **Have mercy upon us.**

Thou that takest away the sins of the world. **Grant him Thy peace.**

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, **have mercy upon us.**

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

Our Father, etc.

O Lord deal not with him after his sins.  
**Neither reward him according to his iniquities.**

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desires of such as be sorrowful, mercifully assist our prayers, which we make before Thee; at such times especially, when our greatest and most grievous extremities are ready to oppress us. And, O Lord, graciously hear us, that those evils, those illusions, terrors and assaults, which Thine or our enemy worketh against us, may be brought to naught, and by the providence of Thy goodness may be dispersed, that we Thy servants, being swallowed up with no temptations, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church. **Amen.**

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# A Litany for the Dying

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O God the Father of Heaven,  
**Have mercy upon him, keep and defend him.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**Have mercy upon him, keep and defend him.**

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son,  
**Have mercy upon him, strengthen and comfort him.**

O Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity,  
**Have mercy upon him.**

Remember not Lord *his* offenses. Call not to mind the offenses of *his* forefathers: But spare *him*, Good Lord, spare Thy servant, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious Blood, and be not angry with *him* forever.

From Thy wrath and heavy indignation;  
From the guilt and burden of *his* sins; From

the dreadful sentence of the last judgment.  
**Good Lord, deliver him.**

From the sting and terror of conscience; From the danger of impatience, distrust or despair; From the extremity of sickness, anguish, or agony, that may any way withdraw *his* mind from Thee. **Good Lord, deliver him.**

From the Bitter pangs of eternal death; From the Gates of Hell; From the Power of Darkness; From the Illusions & assaults of our ghostly enemy. **Good Lord, deliver him.**

By Thy manifold and great mercies; By the manifold and great Merits of Jesus Christ Thy Son; By His Agony and Bloody Sweat; By His Strong Crying and Tears; By His Bitter Cross and Passion; By His Mighty Resurrection; By His Glorious Ascension; By His Effectual and most acceptable Intercession and Mediation; By the Graces and Comforts of the Holy Ghost. **Good Lord, deliver him.**

For Thy Name's Sake; For the Glory of Thy Name; For Thy loving Mercies; For Thy Truth's sake; For Thine own self. **Good Lord, deliver him.**

In this Time of *his* most extremity; In *his* last and greatest need. **Good Lord, deliver him.**

In the Hour of death, and in the Day of Judgment. **Good Lord, deliver him.**

Deliver *him*, O Lord, from all danger and distress; from all pains and punishments, both bodily and ghostly. **Amen.**

As Thou didst deliver Noah from the Flood; **So save and deliver him.**

As Thou didst deliver Lot from the fire of Sodom; **So save and deliver him.**

As Thou didst deliver Isaac from present death; **So save and deliver him.**

As Thou didst deliver Job from all his temptations; **So save and deliver him.**

As Thou didst deliver Moses from the hand of Pharaoh; **So save and deliver him.**

As Thou didst deliver Daniel from the Lion's den; **So save and deliver him.**

As Thou didst deliver Jonas from the belly of the Whale; **So save and deliver him.**

And, as Thou hast delivered Thy blessed Saints & Servants from all their terrors and torments; **So deliver his soul, and receive it to Thy mercy.**

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. That it may please Thee to remember *him* with the favor Thou bearest unto Thy people, and so visit *him* with Thy

salvation. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please Thee to save and deliver his soul from the power of the enemy, lest, as a Lion, he devour it, tear it in pieces, if there be none to help. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please Thee to be merciful, and to forgive all *his* sins and misdeeds, which by the malice of the Devil, or by *his* own frailty *he* hath at any time of *his* life committed against Thee. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in concupiscence of the eye, pride of life, vanity or superfluity *he* hath committed against Thee. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge what in the fierceness of *his* wrath, or in the eagerness of an angry spirit *he* hath committed against Thee. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in vain and idle words, in the looseness and slipperiness of the tongue *he* hath committed against Thee. **We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.**