

## **Litanies for the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

*Long Version*

*For Private Use Only.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven,

*Have mercy on the Souls of the Faithful departed.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*Have mercy on the Souls of the faithful departed.*

God the Holy Spirit,

*Have mercy on the Souls of the faithful departed.*

Holy Trinity, One God,

*Have mercy on the Souls of the faithful departed.*

Holy Mary,

*Pray for the Souls of the faithful departed.*

Holy Mother of God,

*Pray for the Souls of the faithful departed.*

Saint Michael, *etc.*

Saint Gabriel,

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,

Saint John the Baptist,

Saint Joseph,

All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,

Saint Peter,

Saint Paul,

Saint John,

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,

Saint Stephen,

Saint Lawrence,

All ye holy Martyrs,

Saint Gregory,

Saint Ambrose,

All ye holy bishops and confessors,

Saint Mary Magdalen,

Saint Catherine,

All ye holy Virgins and widows,

All ye Saints of God,

Make intercession for the Souls of the faithful departed.

Be merciful,

*Spare them, O Lord.*

Be merciful,

*Hear them, O Lord.*

From all evil,

*O Lord, deliver them.*

From Thy wrath,  
*O Lord, deliver them.*  
From the flame of fire, *etc.*  
From the region of the shadow of death,  
Through thy virginal conception,  
Through Thy Nativity,  
Through Thy Most Holy Name,  
Through the multitude of Thy tender mercies, Through Thy most bitter Passion,  
Through Thy most Sacred Wounds,  
Through Thy most Precious Blood,  
Through Thine ignominious death, by which  
Thou hast destroyed our death,  
We sinners,  
*We beseech Thee, hear us.*  
O Thou Who didst absolve the sinner woman and hear the prayer of the good thief,  
*We beseech Thee, hear us.*  
That thou wouldst release our deceased parents, relations and benefactors  
from the bonds of their sins and the punishment for them, *etc.*  
That Thou wouldst hasten the day of visiting Thy faithful detained in the receptacles  
of sorrow, and wouldst transport them to the city of eternal peace,  
That Thou wouldst shorten the time of expiation for their sins and graciously  
admit them into the holy sanctuary, into which no unclean thing can enter,  
That through the prayers and alms of Thy Church, and especially by the inestimable  
Sacrifice of Thy Holy Altar, Thou wouldst receive them into the tabernacle of rest  
and crown their longing hopes with everlasting fruition,  
Son of God,  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,  
*Grant them eternal rest.*  
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*Grant them eternal rest.*

Christ, hear us.  
*Christ, graciously hear us.*  
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.  
*Lord, have mercy on us.*

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, *etc.*  
V. And lead us not into temptation,  
*R. But deliver us from all evil. Amen.*  
V. From the gates of Hell,  
*R. Deliver their Souls, O Lord.*  
V. May they rest in peace.  
*R. Amen.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer ,  
*R. And let my cry come unto Thee.*  
*Let Us Pray.*

O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the Souls of Thy departed servants the remission of all their sins, that through our pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *R. Amen.*

O God, the Giver of pardon and the Lover of the salvation of men, we beg Thy clemency on behalf of our brethren, kinsfolk and benefactors who have departed this life, that by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the Saints, Thou wouldst receive them into the joys of Thine everlasting kingdom. Through Christ Our Lord. *R. Amen.*

O God, to Whom it belongs always to have mercy and to spare, be favorably propitious to the Souls of Thy servants and grant them the remission of all their sins, that being delivered from the bonds of this mortal life, they may be admitted to life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. *R. Amen.*

### **Short Version**

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The just shall be in everlasting remembrance;  
*He shall not fear the evil hearing.*

V. Absolve, O Lord, the souls of the faithful departed from every bond of sin,  
*R. And by the help of Thy grace may they be enabled to escape the avenging judgment, and to enjoy the happiness of eternal life.*

Because in Thy mercy are deposited the souls that departed in an inferior degree of grace,  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Because their present suffering is greatest in the knowledge of the pain that their separation from Thee is causing Thee,  
*Lord, have mercy.*

Because of their present inability to add to Thy accidental glory, *etc.*  
Not for our consolation, O Lord; not for their release from purgative pain, O God; but for Thy joy and the greater accidental honor of Thy throne, O Christ the King,

For the souls of our departed friends, relations and benefactors,  
*Grant light and peace, O Lord.*

For those of our family who have fallen asleep in Thy bosom,  
*O Jesus, grant light and peace, O Lord.*

For those who have gone to prepare our place, *etc.*  
(For those who were our brothers [or sisters] in Religion,)

For priests who were our spiritual directors,  
For men or women who were our teachers in school,  
For those who were our employers (or employees),  
For those who were our associates in daily toil,  
For any soul whom we ever offended,  
For our enemies now departed,  
For those souls who have none to pray for them,  
For those forgotten by their friends and kin,  
For those now suffering the most,  
For those who have acquired the most merit,  
For the souls next to be released from Purgatory,  
For those who, while on earth, were most devoted to God the Holy Ghost,  
to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, to the holy Mother of God,  
For all deceased popes and prelates,  
For all deceased priests, seminarians and religious,  
For all our brethren in the Faith everywhere,  
For all our separated brethren who deeply loved Thee,  
and would have come into Thy household had they known the truth,  
For those souls who need, or in life asked, our prayers,  
For those, closer to Thee than we are, whose prayers we need,

That those may be happy with Thee forever, who on earth  
were true exemplars of the Catholic Faith, *grant them eternal rest, O Lord.*

That those may be admitted to Thine unveiled Presence,  
who as far as we know never committed mortal sin,  
*grant them eternal rest, O Lord.*

That those may be housed in glory, who lived always in recollection and prayer, *etc.*

That those may be given the celestial joy of beholding Thee,  
who lived lives of mortification and , self-denial and penance,

That those may be flooded with Thy love, who denied themselves even Thy  
favors of indulgence and who made the heroic act for the souls  
who had gone before them,

That those may be drawn up to the Beatific Vision,  
who never put obstacles in the way of sanctifying grace and  
who ever drew closer in mystical union with Thee,

V. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord,

R. *And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Let Us Pray.*

Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaids, *N.* and *N.*, who are gone  
before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of grace. To these, O Lord,  
and to all who rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment,  
light and peace, through the same Christ Our Lord. *R. Amen.*