

A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH AND EVANGELISM

O GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God;
Have mercy upon us.

WE sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and all in authority that they may above all things seek thy honor and glory;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth labourers into thy harvest;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to comfort and relieve all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate (*especially...*) giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy on the faithful departed (*especially...*) granting them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints;
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

WE sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please thee to fill us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the work of ministry and the building up of the body of Christ; (*Ephesians 4:11-13*)

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us power through the Holy Spirit to be thy witnesses, in word and deed, in our homes, work, and leisure; (*Acts 1:8*)

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to convert hearts through our ministry and add continually to our number those who are being saved; (*Acts 2:47*)

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless our ministry of Word and Sacrament, opening minds to understand the Scriptures and making thyself known in the breaking of the bread; (*Luke 24:45, 35*)

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make us ready always to give an answer to any one who asks the reason for the hope that is within us; (*1 Peter 3:15*)

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to put it into our hearts to seek out and find thy lost sheep, and bring them back into thy fold; (*Luke 15:3-7; John 10:14-16*)

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to fill us with such love for one another that all may perceive in our midst the presence of Christ and be drawn into his holy fellowship and service. (*John 13:34-35*)

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who didst endue thy church with power from on high on the Day of Pentecost; pour out thy Holy Spirit upon this parish and grant unto us all things that are needful for our spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide our clergy and lay workers; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the negligent and careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of thy holy church; to the honor and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
