

## LITANY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, have mercy upon us,  
*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 Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the Faithful, have mercy upon us,  
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O holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us.  
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Lest we forget thine own persecution and death upon the cross for the redemption of thy servants.  
*Quicken us, O Persecuted Lamb of God.*

Lest we forget the crushing grief of thy Blessed Mother, Mary, sorrowing before the cross at thy bloody sweat and agony,  
*In thy mercy quicken us, O Lord.*

Lest we forget how thy Holy Apostles, bereft of their master, walked in fear while they awaited thy Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
*In thy mercy quicken us, O Lord.*

Lest we forget Blessed John Baptist, who proclaimed thee Lamb of God to the world,  
*In thy mercy quicken us, O Lord.*

Lest we forget thy martyr Stephen, crying out to thee to forgive his persecutors as they stoned him to death,  
*In thy mercy quicken us, O Lord.*

Lest we forget thine Apostles, St. Peter, St. James and St. Paul, who died for preaching thy Gospel,  
*In thy mercy quicken us, O Lord.*

Lest we forget all the saints and martyrs who served thee faithfully throughout the ages,  
*In thy mercy quicken us, O Lord.*

To thy glorious Resurrection,  
*Turn us, good Lord.*

To the truth of thy Holy Word,  
*Turn us, good Lord.*

To thy saving grace,  
*Turn us, good Lord.*

To thy living presence,  
*Turn us, good Lord.*

To thy loving arms,  
*Turn us, good Lord.*

To the balm of thy mercy,  
*Turn us, good Lord.*

To thy brilliant light,  
*Turn us, good Lord.*

To thy comforting Spirit  
*Turn us, good Lord.*

To thy faithful service,  
*Turn us, good Lord.*

We beseech thee to help us to love the Holy Trinity with all our heart, all our

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soul, all our mind and with all our strength,

*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

Help us to love our neighbour as ourselves,

*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

Help us to pray for and sustain thy persecuted Church, wherever it is called upon to suffer for thee,

*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

Help us to love the enemies of thy Church and to pray for their conversion,

*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

Help us to witness to thy truth with strong voices, in the conduct of our daily lives and against all adversity,

*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

From all thoughts of vengeance,  
*Saviour, deliver us.*

From all thoughts and deeds of violence, especially against the weak, the unborn and the defenceless,  
*Saviour, deliver us.*

From all thoughts of hatred and malice,  
*Saviour, deliver us.*

From all unkindness, uncaring and uncharitableness,  
*Saviour, deliver us.*

From hypocrisy and pride,  
*Saviour, deliver us.*

From hardness of heart, greed and neglect of our persecuted brethren,  
*Saviour, deliver us.*

From lack of courage in defending thy Church and Holy Word,  
*Saviour, deliver us.*

From failing to show mercy and forgiveness to others,  
*Saviour, deliver us.*

From false doctrine, false prophets, half heartedness and backsliding,  
*Saviour, deliver us.*

From failure to forbear slander, imprisonment and pain for thy sake; from denial of thy name and Gospel in the face of death,  
*Saviour, deliver us.*

Upon Christian women, widowed in acts of persecution and children orphaned in the same,  
*Have mercy, O Lord.*

Upon thy people made sick, starving, or deprived from thy Holy Eucharist by persecution,  
*Have mercy, O Lord.*

Upon thy servants forced into slavery, captivity and exile through the evil of others,  
*Have mercy, O Lord.*

Upon thy people turned to anger from witnessing vile acts of violence against their loved ones,  
*Have mercy, O Lord.*

Upon all those who commit grievous sins against thy faithful through hatred, contempt or ignorance of Thy Holy Word,  
*Have mercy, O Lord.*

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We beseech thee, Gracious Father, Fount  
of all Love, heal and protect thy divided  
and persecuted Church,  
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Fount of all Love, heal and protect thy  
divided and persecuted Church.*

We beseech thee, Holy Redeemer, to  
forgive the sins of thy poor servants,  
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forgive the sins of thy poor servants.*

We beseech thee, Holy Spirit, Comforter  
of the afflicted, assist and strengthen  
those who are oppressed for their  
Christian faith,  
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of the afflicted, assist and strengthen  
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Christian faith.*

Lamb of God, have mercy upon us,  
*Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.*

O Christ hear us,  
*O Christ hear us*

O Christ arise and help us,  
*O Christ arise and help us.*

Our Father *who art in heaven,*  
*Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom*  
*come,*  
*Thy will be done, on earth as it is in*  
*heaven.*  
*Give us this day our daily bread;*  
*And forgive us our trespasses,*  
*As we forgive them that trespass against*  
*us;*  
*And lead us not into temptation,*  
*But deliver us from evil. Amen.*

In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, *Amen*

*Prayer*

Blessed Saviour, thou didst teach that it  
is a blessed thing when men shall revile  
us, persecute us and say all manner of  
evil against us falsely for thy sake, grant  
us the courage to be steadfast in our faith  
in thee in the face of all evil and danger.  
Keep us constant in our worship and  
fervent in our praise. Take away all fear  
of dying for thy sake and fill our hearts  
with joy at thy promise of a great reward  
in Heaven; who livest and reignest with  
the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one  
God, world without end. *Amen.*