

# PRAYERS FOR THE DYING

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## Litany for the Dying

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

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Holy Mary,  
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,  
Holy Abel,  
All ye choirs of the Righteous,  
Holy Abraham,  
Saint John Baptist,  
Saint Joseph,  
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,  
Saint Peter,  
Saint Paul,  
Saint Andrew,  
Saint John,  
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,  
All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,  
All ye holy Innocents,  
Saint Stephen,  
Saint Lawrence,  
All ye holy Martyrs,  
Saint Sylvester,  
Saint Gregory,  
Saint Augustine,  
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,

*Pray for him.*

Saint Benedict,  
 Saint Francis,  
 All ye holy Monks and Hermits,  
 Saint Mary Magdalene,  
 Saint Lucy,  
 All ye holy Virgins and Widows,

} Pray for him.

All ye holy men and women, Saints of God,  
 Intercede for *him*.

Be merciful,  
     *Spare him, O Lord.*

Be merciful,  
     *Deliver him, O Lord.*

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From thy wrath,  
 From the peril of death,  
 From the pains of hell,  
 From all evil,  
 From the power of the devil,  
 By thy Nativity,  
 By thy Cross and Passion,  
 By thy Death and Burial,  
 By thy glorious Resurrection,  
 By thy wonderful Ascension,  
 By the Grace of the Holy Ghost, the  
     Comforter,  
 In the day of judgment,

} Good Lord, deliver him.

℣. We sinners do beseech thee to hear us,  
good Lord.

℞. That thou wouldest spare *him*; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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OUR FATHER.

OVERSOVEREIGN Lord, who desirest not the death of a sinner; We beseech thee to loose the spirit of this thy servant from every bond, and set *him* free from all evil; that *he* may rest with all thy saints in the eternal habitations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### A Commendation

DEPART, O Christian soul, out of this world, In the Name of God the Father Almighty who created thee.

In the Name of Jesus Christ who redeemed thee.

In the Name of the Holy Ghost who sanctifieth thee.

In communion with the blessed saints, and aided by angels and archangels, thrones and dominations, principalities and powers, and all the armies of the heavenly host.

May thy rest be this day in peace, and thy dwelling place in the Paradise of God.

## A Prayer for the Dying

ACKNOWLEDGE, O Lord, thy creature not made by strange gods, but by thee, the only living and true God: for there is no other God beside thee, and none that doeth according to thy works. Make glad the soul of this person, O Lord, with thy presence, and remember not *his* old sins and excesses which wrath or heat of evil desire may have aroused. May the heavens be opened to *him*. May the angels rejoice with *him*. Into thy kingdom, O Lord, receive thy servant. May Saint Michael, the Archangel of God, prince of the heavenly hosts, receive *him*. May the holy Angels of God come forth to meet *him*, and conduct *him* to the city of the heavenly Jerusalem. May the blessed Peter the Apostle, to whom were given the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive *him*. May Saint Paul the Apostle, who was counted worthy to be a chosen vessel, assist *him*. May Saint John, the chosen Apostle of God, to whom were revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for *him*. May all the holy Apostles, to whom the Lord gave the power of binding and loosing, pray for *him*. May all the saints and elect of God, who, in this world, suffered torments for the name of Christ, intercede for *him*, that, loosed from the bonds

of the flesh, *he* may attain unto the glory of the heavenly kingdom, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend *his* spirit.

Lord Jesus Christ, receive *him*.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for *him*.

### For a Dying Child

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, who for our sakes didst become a babe in Bethlehem; we commit unto thy loving care this child whom thou art calling to thyself. Send thy holy angel to lead *him* gently to those heavenly habitations where the souls of them that sleep in thee have perpetual peace and joy, and hold *him* in the everlasting arms of thine unfailing love. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.