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COMMENDATION FOR THE DYING

Luke 23:44-49

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *pray for him/her*
Holy angels of God, *pray for him/her*
Abraham, our father in faith, *pray for him/her*
David, leader of God's people, *pray for him/her*

All holy patriarchs and prophets, *pray for him/her*

Saint John the Baptist, *pray for him/her*

Saint Joseph, *pray for him/her*

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, *pray for him/her*

Saint Andrew, *pray for him/her*

Saint John, *pray for him/her*

Saint Mary Magdalene, *pray for him/her*

Saint Stephen, *pray for him/her*

Saint Ignatius, *pray for him/her*

Saint Lawrence, *pray for him/her*

Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, *pray for him/her*

Saint Agnes, *pray for him/her*

Saint Gregory, *pray for him/her*

Saint Augustine, *pray for him/her*

Saint Athanasius, *pray for him/her*

Saint Basil, *pray for him/her*

Saint Martin, *pray for him/her*

Saint Benedict, *pray for him/her*

Saint Francis and Saint Dominic, *pray for him/her*

Saint Francis Xavier, *pray for him/her*

Saint John Vianney, *pray for him/her*

Saint Catherine, *pray for him/her*

Saint Teresa, *pray for him/her*

All holy men and women, *pray for him/her*

Lord, be merciful, *Lord, save your people.*

From all evil, *Lord, save your people.*

From every sin, *Lord, save your people.*

From Satan's power, *Lord, save your people.*

At the moment of death, *Lord, save your people.*

From everlasting death, *Lord, save your people.*

On the day of judgment, *Lord, save your people.*

By your coming as man, *Lord, save your people.*

By your suffering and cross, *Lord, save your people.*

By your death and rising to new life, *Lord, save your people.*

By your return in glory to the Father, *Lord, save your people.*

By your gift of the Holy Spirit, *Lord, save your people.*

By your coming again in glory, *Lord, save your people.*

Be merciful to us sinners, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Bring N. to eternal life, first promised to him/her in baptism, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Raise N. on the last day, for he/she has eaten the Bread of Life, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Let N. share in your glory, for he/she has shared in your suffering and death, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Jesus, Son of the Living God, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Christ, hear us. *Christ, hear us.*
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION

A.

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of God the almighty Father, who created you, in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for you, in the name of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon you, go forth, faithful Christian.

May you live in peace this day, may your home be with God, with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with Joseph, and all the angels and saints.

B.

I commend you, my dear brother/sister, to almighty God, and entrust you to your Creator.

May you return to him who formed you from the dust of the earth.

May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to meet you as you go forth from this life.

May Christ who was crucified for you bring you freedom and peace.

May Christ who died for you admit you into his garden of paradise.

May Christ, the true Shepherd, acknowledge you as one of his flock.

May you see the Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God for ever.

R. Amen.

C. Welcome your servant, Lord, into the place of salvation which because of your mercy he/she rightly hoped for.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, from every distress.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Noah from the flood.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Abraham from Ur of the Chaldees.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Job from his sufferings.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Moses from the hand of the Pharaoh.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Daniel from the den of lions.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered the three young men from the fiery furnace.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Susanna from her false accusers.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered David from the attacks of Saul and Goliath.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, as you delivered Peter and Paul from prison.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

Deliver your servant, Lord, through Jesus our Savior, who suffered death for us and gave us eternal life.

R. Amen. or: R. *Lord, save your people.*

May the most clement Virgin Mary, Mother of God, loving consoler of the afflicted, commend to her Divine Son the soul of this her servant/handmaid, N., so that through her maternal intercession our dying brother/sister may be freed from the terrors of death and in her company joyfully enter the desired heavenly home.
R. Amen.

We fly to thee, St. Joseph, Patron of the dying, and we earnestly commend to thee, whom Jesus and Mary assisted at thy happy death by this twofold pledge most dear, the soul of this thy servant/handmaid, N., now in his/her last agony, so that under thy protection he/she may be freed from the snares of the devil and from everlasting death, thus reaching the eternal joys of Heaven. Through the same Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Traditional Prayer for laying on of hands for the dying:

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, + and of the Holy + Spirit; may any power the devil has over you be destroyed by the laying-on of our hands and by calling on the glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, her illustrious spouse, St. Joseph, and all holy angels, archangels, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, virgins, and all the saints. R. Amen.