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# LITANY OF PENANCE

—St. John Henry Newman



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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 us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of  
the world,

God the Holy Ghost,  
Holy Trinity, one God,

Incarnate Lord,

*Have mercy on us.*

Lover of souls,

Saviour of sinners,

Who didst come to seek  
those that were lost,

Who didst fast for them  
forty days and nights,

By Thy tenderness  
towards Adam when  
he fell,

By Thy faithfulness to  
Noe in the ark,  
By Thy remembrance of  
Lot in the midst of  
sinners,

By Thy mercy on the  
Israelites in the desert,

By Thy forgiveness of  
David after his  
confession,

By Thy patience with  
wicked Achab on his  
humiliation,

By Thy restoration of the  
penitent Manasses,

By Thy long suffering  
towards the Ninevites,  
when they went in  
sackcloth and ashes,

By Thy blessing on the  
Maccabees, who fasted  
before the battle,

By Thy choice of John to  
go before Thee as the  
preacher of penance,

*Have mercy on us.*

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By Thy testimony to the  
Publican, who hung  
his head and smote  
his breast,  
By Thy welcome given to  
the returning  
Prodigal,  
By Thy gentleness with  
the woman of  
Samaria,  
By Thy condescension  
towards Zacchaeus,  
persuading him to  
restitution,  
By Thy pity upon the  
woman taken in  
adultery,  
By Thy love of Magdalen,  
who loved much,  
By Thy converting look,  
at which Peter wept,  
By Thy gracious words to  
the thief upon the  
cross,

*Have mercy on us.*

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We sinners, *Beseech Thee,*  
*hear us.*

That we may judge  
ourselves, and so  
escape Thy judgment,  
That we may bring forth  
worthy fruits of  
penance,  
That sin may not reign in  
our mortal bodies,  
That we may work out  
our salvation with fear  
and trembling,  
Son of God,

*We beseech Thee, hear us.*

Lamb of God, who takest  
away the sins of the  
world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest  
away the sins of the  
world, *Graciously hear*  
*us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest  
away the sins of the  
world, *Have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

O Lord, hear our prayer.

*And let our cry come unto*  
*Thee.*

Let us pray:

Grant, we beseech Thee,  
O Lord, to Thy faithful,  
pardon and peace, that they  
may be cleansed from all their  
offenses, and also serve Thee  
with a quiet mind, through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

