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# THE LITANY OF SAINT STEPHEN



Lord, have mercy on us.  
*Christ, have mercy on us.*  
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Christ, hear us,  
*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven,  
*Have mercy on us.*

God, the Son, Redeemer  
of the world,  
*Have mercy on us.*

God, the Holy Ghost,  
*Have mercy on us.*

St. Stephen, first martyr,  
*Pray for us. \**

St. Stephen, who suffered  
for preaching the  
name of Jesus Christ,\*

St. Stephen, who so  
closely imitated Jesus  
Christ in that great  
virtue of charity for  
your enemies,\*

*Pray for us.*

St. Stephen, who, when  
stoned by your  
enemies, cast forth  
sparks, not of anger,  
but of love, to set on  
fire their hearts,  
harder than the stones  
which they threw,\*

St. Stephen, having  
recommended your  
own soul to God, cried  
for your enemies,  
Pardon them, O Lord,  
and punish them not  
for their sins,\*

St. Stephen, most zealous  
for the glory of God,\*

St. Stephen, most patient  
and constant,\*

St. Stephen, pattern of  
chastity and purity,\*

St. Stephen, whose  
heavenly fortitude  
caused admiration in  
all,\*

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St. Stephen, by whom so many miracles were wrought,\*

St. Stephen, who, in the love of God, was not inferior to the Apostles themselves,\*

St. Stephen, who converted many to the faith of Christ,\*

St. Stephen, by whom the Church has received and does continually receive such singular benefits,\*

St. Stephen, of whom it is said, that the Holy Ghost, Who inhabited your soul, shone and darted forth his rays into your body,\*

St. Stephen, whose face shone like that of an angel,\*

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St. Stephen, an angel in chastity,\*

St. Stephen, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost,\*

St. Stephen, dear to the heart of Jesus,\*

*Pray for us.*

Let us pray:

O glorious saint, faithful imitator of Jesus Christ martyr in will and in reality, so full of charity, zeal, love, and purity, deign to intercede for us poor exiles; you who are so high in the favor of God, we do entreat you to procure for us a little spark of that divine love which animated your heart, that we too one day may have the happiness of seeing our God face to face.

Oh! obtain for us that virtue for which you were so eminent, and which in our holy vocation is particularly required--Charity. Amen

