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THE GOLDEN LITANY, BRIEFLY COMMEMORATING OUR BLESSED REDEEMER'S LIFE AND PASSION



Lord, have mercy upon us!
Christ, have mercy upon us!
Lord, have mercy upon us!
God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven
and earth, *Have mercy upon us.*
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of mankind,
O sacred Trinity of Persons, in unity of
essence,
O blessed Jesus, true God and true man,
*Have mercy upon us. (repeat after each
invocation)*
Through thy power in creating heaven and
earth, and all things therein contained,
Through thy goodness in making man to
thine own image and likeness,
Through thy mercy in redeeming man after
his fall,
Through thy unspeakable love, in making
choice of the blessed Virgin Mary for thy
Mother,
Through the ineffable mystery of thine
Incarnation, whereby thou didst vouchsafe
to unite thy divine person to our frail
nature,
Through thy immaculate Conception, and
nine months imprisonment within the
sacred body of the blessed Virgin Mary,
Through thy blessed nativity in the poor
stable at Bethlehem,
Through the hunger, cold, and the other
inconveniencies thou didst endure in thy
tender body, when laid in the crib between
an ox and an ass,
Through thy painful circumcision, on the
eighth day after thy birth, when thou didst
first shed thy precious blood for our sake,
Through the adorable name of Jesus, which
was then given thee,
Through the mystical offerings of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh, which the wise
men presented thee, whom by a miraculous
star thou didst summon out of the East, to
adore thee in thine infancy,
Through the oblation thou didst make of
thyself to thine eternal Father, when in the
temple thou wert acknowledged by Simeon
and Anne, and ransomed with a pair of
doves by thy poor Virgin Mother,

Through thy flight into Egypt to avoid the
cruelty of king Herod, and all thou didst
there suffer with thy blessed Mother and St.
Joseph,
Through thy return from thence to Nazareth,
and the obedience thou didst there pay to
thy parents,
Through thy being lost by thy parents in
Jerusalem, where thou wert again found by
them, after three days' search, sitting in the
temple in the midst of the doctors,
Through the sacred and hidden life thou didst
lead in Nazareth, with holy Mary and
Joseph, from the twelfth to the thirtieth year
of thine age,
Through thy humble reception of baptism in
the river Jordan by the hands of St. John,
Through thy forty days' fast in the desert,
where thou didst obtain repeated victories
over the three temptations of the devil,
Through thy first miracle of changing water
into wine at the marriage feast of Cana,
Through the zeal which thou didst show for
the honour of thy eternal Father, in casting
the buyers and sellers out of the temple,
Through thy condescending to discourse with
the Samaritan woman sitting at the
fountain.
Through thy excessive charity in healing the
young man of Capharnaum, Simon Peter's
mother-in-law, and a multitude of other
infirm persons,
Through the power thou didst manifest in
appeasing the tempest at sea, walking on
the water, and enabling St. Peter to do so
likewise,
Through thy efficacious calling of Peter,
Andrew, James, and John, from their boats,
and Matthew from the receipt of custom, to
follow thee,
Through the choice of thy twelve apostles,
and the divine sermon thou didst deliver to
them on the Mount, in which is exhibited
the model of a perfect christian life,
Through the mercy thou didst show to the
penitent Magdalen, preferring her to the
Pharisee, and pardoning her sins,
Through the sending of the apostles to preach
thy gospel to the people,

Through thy miraculous feeding of five thousand persons with five loaves of bread, and four thousand with seven loaves,
Through thy appointment of Peter to be the rock on which thou wouldst build thy church, for his having confessed thee to be Christ the Son of the living God,
Through thy glorious transfiguration on Mount Thabor, in the presence of three of thy disciples,
Through thy instructing us in the virtue and efficacy of prayer, and by giving us a model thereof in the divine " Our Father,"
Through thy inflamed desire to redeem mankind,
Through thy meek and humble entry into Jerusalem on Palm-Sunday, riding upon an ass,
Through thy humility in washing the feet of thy disciples, even those of the traitor Judas,
Through thy ineffable love manifested in the institution of the sacrifice and sacrament of thy precious body and blood,
Through the prayer thou didst thrice repeat in the Garden of Mount Olivet, when a bloody sweat trickled down thine agonized body,
Through thy condescending to receive a kiss from the mouth of the traitor Judas,
Through thy being apprehended, bound, and brought before the tribunals of Annas and Caiphas,
Through the blows, buffets, and opprobrious usage thou didst endure the night before thy crucifixion,
Through thy presentation to the pagan judge, Pilate, in the quality of a notorious criminal,
Through thy being sent before Herod, and scornfully treated by that wicked king and his soldiers,
Through the cruel and contumelous whipping thou didst endure at the pillar,
Through the barbarous clamours of the people to have Barrabas, the murderer, released, and the innocent Jesus put to death,
Through the false accusations, suborned witnesses, slanders, and calumnies, brought against thee by the Jews,

Through the shameful stripping off thy clothes, and exposing thy naked body to the multitude,
Through the pressing of a crown of sharp pointed thorns on thy sacred head,
Through thy being clothed in a purple garment, and derided as a mock king, having a reed put into thy hand for a sceptre,
Through the scoffing salutations, insulting reflections, and scornful adorations, whereby thou wert mocked by the Jews and the soldiers,
Through their spitting on thy divine face, and striking thy sacred head,
Through thy being exposed to the people in the most lamentable condition, Pilate saying to the multitude: Behold the man!
Through the horrid clamours and repeated vociferations of the Jews, "Away with him! Crucify him!"
Through thy meek and patient hearing of the sentence of death pronounced against thee,
Through thy bearing thy heavy cross on thy sacred shoulders,
Through the painful stretching of thy naked body on the cross as on a rack, and fastening thy hands and feet thereto with gross nails,
Through the compassion thou hadst for thy sorrowful Mother, and beloved disciple, standing at the foot of thy cross,
Through thy excessive charity in praying for thy persecutors, and murderers, and in promising Paradise to the penitent thief,
Through the seven last speeches thou didst utter on the cross whilst thou wast suspended thereon for the space of three hours,
Through the vehement thirst thou didst then suffer, and the gall and vinegar which was given thee to drink,
Through thy last agony, in which thou didst commend thy blessed soul into the hands of thy heavenly Father,
Through the piercing of thy side with a lance, and the water and blood which issued there from,

Through the descent of thy departed soul into Limbo, to conquer the devils, and set the ancient fathers at liberty,
Through the taking down of thy dead body from the cross by Joseph, of Arimathea, and Nicodemus, in order to its burial,
Through thy glorious resurrection from death to life on the third day,
Through thy appearing to thy blessed Mother, to Mary Magdalen, to Peter and the other apostles, frequently comforting and confirming them during the space of forty days,
Through thine admirable ascension into heaven, in the sight of thy sacred Mother and thy disciples,
Through the miraculous descent of the Holy Ghost on thy apostles in the form of fiery tongues,
Through all thine actions and sufferings during thy thirty years sojourning amongst men, and by all that is pleasing to thy divine Majesty in heaven and on earth,

V. Graciously hear our prayers, O Lord.
R. And let our cry come unto thee.

LET US PRAY.

Vouchsafe, O Almighty and most merciful Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, to have compassion, not only on us, but also on all such as shall present the foregoing petitions to the throne of thy mercy, in commemoration of thy sacred life and most bitter passion.

We beseech thee also, for thine own dear sake, that thou wouldst grant to us, our friends and benefactors, and to all those for whom we intend or are bound to pray, the pardon of all past offences, and preservation from future failings; that loving thee, serving thee, and obeying thee, with the utmost fervour, fidelity and perseverance, during the remainder of our earthly pilgrimage, we may be at length admitted to the eternal enjoyment of thy beatific presence in thy heavenly paradise. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and dwell with us for evermore. Amen.