

LITANY OF THE HOLY CROSS

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Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.

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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,
our Advocate,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Cross whereon the
Lamb of God was offered,
Save us, O Holy Cross.

Hope of Christians,
Save us, O Holy Cross.

Pledge of the resurrection
of the dead, etc.

Shelter of persecuted innocence,
Guide of the blind,
Way of those who have
gone astray,
Staff of the lame,
Consolation of the poor,
Restraint of the powerful,
Destruction of the proud,
Refuge of sinners,
Trophy of victory over Hell,
Terror of demons,
Mistress of youth,
Succor of the distressed,
Hope of the hopeless,
Star of the mariner,
Harbor of the wrecked,
Rampart of the besieged,
Father of orphans,
Defense of widows,
Counsel of the just,
Judge of the wicked,
Rest of the afflicted,
Safeguard of childhood,
Strength of manhood,
Last hope of the aged,
Light of those who sit in
darkness,

Save us, O Holy Cross.

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Have mercy on us.

Save us, O Holy Cross.

Splendor of kings,
Civilizer of the world,
Shield impenetrable,
Wisdom of the foolish,
Liberty of slaves,
Knowledge of the ignorant,
Sure rule of life,
Heralded by Prophets,
Preached by Apostles,
Glory of Martyrs,
Study of hermits,
Chastity of virgins,
Joy of priests,
Foundation of the Church,
Salvation of the world,
Destruction of idolatry,
Stumbling block to the Jews,
Condemnation of the
ungodly,
Support of the weak,
Medicine of the sick,
Health of the leprous,
Strength of the paralytic,
Bread of the hungry,
Fountain of those who thirst,
Clothing of the naked,

Save us, O Holy Cross.

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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,
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.

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V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and
we bless Thee,

R. *Because by Thy Holy Cross
Thou hast redeemed the world.*

[Together]
Behold the Cross of the Lord!
Begone ye evil powers!
The Lion of the tribe of Juda,
the Root of David,
has conquered! [Alleluia!]

Let Us Pray.

O God, Who for the redemption
of the world, wast pleased to be
born in a stable and to die upon
a cross; O Lord Jesus Christ,
by Thy holy sufferings, which
we, Thy unworthy servants,
call to mind: by Thy Holy Cross,
and by Thy death, deliver us
from the pains of Hell, and
vouchsafe to conduct us whither
Thou didst conduct the good
thief who was crucified with
Thee, Who livest and reignest
eternally in Heaven. R. Amen.

Sweet the wood, sweet the nails,
sweet the Burden which thou bearest,
for thou alone, O Holy Cross,
wast worthy to bear the King
and Lord of Heaven. R. Amen.

*This litany dates from the Middle Ages and
from many countries; while the refrain refers to
the Holy Cross, it is considered that in doing
so, we are actually referring to our Savior Who
hung upon it and thereby redeemed us all.
By our salutation to the chief instrument of
Our Lord's Passion and death, we trust in
hope that He will show mercy to us.*