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LITANY OF PENANCE

—St. John Henry Newman



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,

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,

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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,

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.*

We beseech Thee, hear 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.

