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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,*

Pray for us.

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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,*

Pray for us.

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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

