



Litany for the Dying

It is suggested that the dying person be given a Crucifix to hold or for one to be put in a place where it can be easily seen

Lord, have mercy on him (her)
 Christ, have mercy on him (her)
 Lord, have mercy on him (her)
 Holy Mary, pray for him (her)
 All you holy Angels and Archangels,
 Holy Abel,
 All you choirs of the righteous,
 Holy Abraham,
 St John the Baptist,
 P St Joseph,
 R All you holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
 A St Peter,
 Y St Paul,
 St Andrew,
 F St John,
 O All you holy Apostles and Evangelists,
 R All you holy disciples of our Lord,
 All you holy Innocents,
 H St Stephen,
 I St Lawrence,
 M All you holy Martyrs,
 St Sylvester,
 OR St Gregory,
 St Augustine,
 H All you holy Bishops and Confessors,
 E St Benedict,
 R St Francis,
 St Camillus,
 St John of God,
 All you holy Monks and Hermits,
 St Mary Magdalene,
 St Lucy,
 All you holy Virgins and Widows,
 All you Men and Women, Saints of God, make
 intercession for him (her)
 Be merciful to him (her), spare him (her) O Lord
 Be merciful to him (her), set him (her) free O Lord
 Be merciful to him (her), deliver him (her) O Lord
 From your wrath, deliver him (her) O Lord

From the danger of death, deliver him (her) O Lord
 From an evil death, deliver him (her) O Lord
 From the pains of hell, deliver him (her) O Lord
 From all evil, deliver him (her) O Lord
 From the power of the devil, deliver him (her) O Lord
 Through your Nativity, deliver him (her) O Lord
 Through your Cross and Passion, deliver him (her) O Lord
 Through your Death and Burial, deliver him (her) O Lord
 Through your holy Resurrection, deliver him (her) O Lord
 Through your wonderful Ascension, deliver him (her) O
 Lord
 Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, deliver
 him (her) O Lord
 In the day of Judgment, deliver him (her) O Lord
 We sinners, we beseech you to hear us
 That you would spare him (her), we beseech you, hear us
 Lord, have mercy on him (her)
 Christ, have mercy on him (her)
 Lord, have mercy on him (her)



LET US PRAY

I commend you, dear Brother (Sister), to the almighty God. I give you over to the care of him, whose creature you are. May you then, when you shall have paid the debt of all mankind by death, return to your Maker, for he formed you from the dust of the earth. When, therefore, your soul shall depart from your body, may the glorious armies of the Angels meet you. May the court of the Apostles receive you. May the triumphant band of glorious Martyrs come out to welcome you. May the splendid company of Confessors clad in their white robes surround you. May the choir of joyful Virgins receive you. May you meet with a blessed rest in the embrace of the Patriarchs. May St. Joseph, the most gracious Patron of the dying, comfort you with great hope. May Mary, the holy Mother of God look upon you with mercy. May Jesus Christ appear to you with a mild and joyful countenance. May he appoint you a place among those who are to stand before him forever. May you be a stranger to all that is punished with darkness, with flames, and condemned to torments. May the most wicked enemy, with all his evil spirits, be forced to give way. May he tremble at your approach in the company of Angels. May he with confusion fly away into the vast chaos of eternal night. Let God arise and his enemies be dispersed. Let them that hate him fly before his face. Let them vanish like smoke. As wax that melts before the fire, so let sinners perish in the sight of God. But may the righteous rejoice and be happy in his presence. May then all the legions of hell be confounded and put to shame. May none of the ministers of Satan dare to stop you in your way. May Christ deliver you from torments, for he was crucified for you. May he deliver you from eternal death, for he deigned to die for you. May Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, place you in the landscape of his Paradise. May he, the true Shepherd, acknowledge you for one of his flock. May he absolve you from all your sins. May he place you at his right hand in the midst of his elect. May you see your Redeemer face to face. Standing always in his presence, may you behold with happy eyes the most clear truth. May you be placed among the companies of the blessed. May you enjoy the happiness of the contemplation of your God forever. Amen.