



Litany for the Dying

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

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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,
 St Joseph,
 All you holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
 St Peter,
 St Paul,
 St Andrew,
 St John,
 All you holy Apostles and Evangelists,
 All you holy disciples of our Lord,
 All you holy Innocents,
 St Stephen,
 St Lawrence,
 All you holy Martyrs,
 St Sylvester,
 St Gregory,
 St Augustine,
 All you holy Bishops and Confessors,
 St Benedict,
 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

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world, in the Name of God the Father Almighty, Who created you; in the Name of Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Who suffered for you; in the Name of the Holy Ghost, Who was poured forth upon you; in the name of the glorious and ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; in the name of St. Joseph, chaste spouse of the same Virgin; in the name of the Angels and Archangels; in the name of the Thrones and Dominations; in the name of the Principalities and Powers; in the name of the heavenly Virtues, Cherubim and Seraphim/her; in the name of the holy Apostles and Evangelists; in the name of the holy Martyrs and Confessors; in the name of the holy Monks and Hermits; in the name of the holy Virgins and of all the Saints of God: may your place be this day in peace, and your abode in holy Sion. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R.Amen

O Merciful God, O Gracious God; O God who, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, forgivest the sins of such as repent, and graciously remittest the guilt of their past offenses, mercifully regard this Thy servant/handmaid, N., and grant him/her a full discharge from all his/her sins, who most earnestly begs it of Thee. Remove, O merciful Father, whatever is corrupt in him/her through human frailty, or by the snares of the devil; and associate him/her as a member redeemed to the unity of Thy Body the Church. Have pity, Lord, on his/her groanings, have pity on his/her tears, and admit him/her, who hath no hope save in Thy mercy, to the Sacrament of Thy reconciliation, through Christ our Lord.

R.Amen.

I commend thee to Almighty God, dearly beloved brother/sister, and commit thee to His mercy whose creature thou art; that having paid the debt of humanity by passing through death, thou mayest return to the Maker, who formed thee out of the earth. When, therefore, thy soul goeth forth from thy body, may the glorious company of Angels meet thee; may the council of the Apostles who shall judge the world greet thee; may the triumphant army

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of white-robed Martyrs come out to welcome thee; may the band of shining Confessors, crowned with lilies, encircle thee; may the choir of joyous Virgins receive thee; and unto the bosom of blessed rest may the embrace of the Patriarchs clasp thee; may St. Joseph, most consoling Patron of the dying, lift thee up in holy hope; may Mary, the holy Mother of God, mercifully turn her eyes upon thee, and may He award thee a place among those who stand before Him

forever. Mayest thou never know aught of the terror of darkness, the gnashing of teeth in the flames, the agonies of torment. May Satan most foul, with his wicked crew, give way before thee; may he tremble at thy coming with the Angels that attend thee, and flee away into the vast chaos of eternal night. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; and let them that hate Him flee from before His face. As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish away; as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God; and let the just feast and rejoice before God. May, then, all the legions of hell be confounded and put to shame, nor may the ministers of Satan dare to hinder thy way. May Christ, who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torment. May Christ, who vouchsafed to die for thee, deliver thee from everlasting death. May Christ, the Son of the living God, place thee within the green pastures of His paradise, and may He, the true Shepherd, acknowledge thee as one of His sheep. May He absolve thee from all thy sins, and set thee at His right hand in the portion of His elect. Mayest thou behold thy Redeemer face to face; and, standing ever before Him, gaze with blessed eyes on the Truth made manifest. And set thus among the choirs of the Blessed, mayest thou enjoy the sweetness of divine contemplation for ever more.
R. Amen.

Lord have mercy on us!

