LITANY OF LORETO

The Litany of The Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the Litany of Loreto, is a popular prayer of supplication, once prayed in processions to atone for sins and to prevent calamities.

Pilgrims at the famous Marian Shrine in Loreto, Italy used it in the 16th century, and it was approved in 1587 by Pope Sixtus V.

Its invocations to our Blessed Mother include titles given to her by the early Church Fathers in the first few centuries of Christianity.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world:

God, the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, One God,

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ.

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother undefiled.

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable, Mother of good counsel,

Mother of our Creator.

Mother of our Saviour.

Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,

Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,

Virgin most faithful,

Mirror of justice,

Seat of wisdom.

Cause of our joy,

Spiritual vessel,

Vessel of honour,

Christ, graciously hear us.

have mercy on us.

have mercy on us. have mercy on us.

have mercy on us.

pray for us. (repeat at end of each phrase)

Singular vessel of devotion, Mystical rose, Tower of David. Tower of ivory, House of gold, Ark of the covenant. Gate of Heaven, Morning star, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Help of Christians, Queen of angels, Queen of patriarchs, Queen of prophets, Oueen of apostles, Queen of martyrs, Queen of confessors, Queen of virgins, Oueen of all saints, Oueen conceived without original sin, Queen assumed into heaven, Queen of the most holy Rosary, Queen of peace.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
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have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Concluding Prayer