

From all evil,  
From all sin,  
From Thy wrath,  
From the snares of the devil,  
From the spirit of fornication,  
From everlasting death,  
From the neglect of Thine inspirations,

Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,  
Through Thy Nativity,  
Through Thine Infancy,  
Through Thy most divine Life,  
Through Thy Labors,  
Through Thy Agony and Passion,  
Through Thy Cross and Dereliction,  
Through Thy Sufferings,  
Through Thy Death and Burial,  
Through Thy Resurrection,  
Through Thine Ascension,  
Through Thine Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist,  
Through Thy Joys,  
Through Thy Glory,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, (*spare us, O Jesus!*)  
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, (*graciously hear us, O Jesus!*)  
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, (*have mercy on us, O Jesus!*)  
Jesus, hear us, (*Jesus, graciously hear us*)

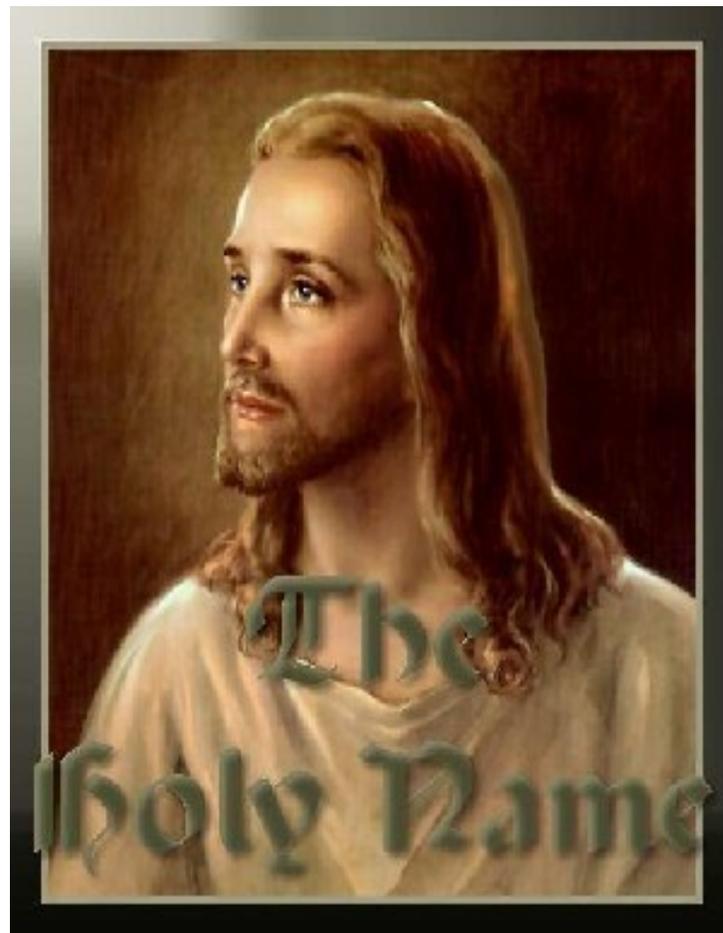
Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, Who has said: Ask and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: grant, we beseech Thee, to us who ask the grace of Thy most divine love, that we may love Thee with all our hearts, words and works, and never cease to praise Thee. Make us, O Lord, to have a continual fear and love of Thy holy Name; for Thou never ceasest to rule and govern those whom Thou doest solidly establish in Thy love. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. (*Amen.*)

The faithful who pray any of these Litanies, under the usual conditions, receive a partial indulgence. When prayed, one person (or half the people) chants or reads the invocation while the others chant or read the responses which are in italics in the previous pages.

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## LITANY TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS



**JESUS, BRIGHTNESS OF ETERNAL LIGHT,  
HAVE MERCY ON US!**

## The Six Litanies Approved for Public Recitation

From the Catholic Encyclopedia:

A litany is a well known and much appreciated form of responsive petition, used in public liturgical services, and in private devotions, for common necessities of the Church, or in calamities — to implore God's aid or to appease His just wrath. This form of prayer finds its model in Psalm cxxxv: 'Praise the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Praise ye the God of gods . . . the Lord of lords . . . Who alone doth great wonders . . . Who made the heavens', etc., with the concluding words in each verse, "for His mercy endureth forever."...

...Litanies appeared in honour of God the Father, of God the Son, of God the Holy Ghost, of the Precious Blood, of the Blessed Virgin, of the Immaculate Conception, of each of the saints honoured in different countries, for the souls in Purgatory, etc. In 1601 Baronius wrote that about eighty forms were in circulation. To prevent abuse, Pope Clement VIII, by decree of the Inquisition of 6 Sept., 1601, forbade the publication of any litany, except that of the saints as found in the liturgical books and that of Loreto. **Today the litanies approved for public recitation are: of All Saints, of Loreto, of the Holy Name, of the Sacred Heart, of St. Joseph [Ed. and, approved in 1960, of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ].**

**Many, many other litanies exist, and all of them may be prayed privately, but only these six are approved for public prayer.**

The Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus was probably written by SS. Bernardine of Siena and John Capistran early in the 15th c. and is prayed most especially during the month of January, which is dedicated to the Holy Name.

### Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Lord, have mercy, (*Christ, have mercy.*)

Lord, have mercy, Jesus, hear us. (*Jesus, graciously hear us.*)

God, the Father of Heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God, the Holy Spirit,  
Holy Trinity, one God,  
Jesus, Son of the living God,  
Jesus, Splendor of the Father,  
Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light,  
Jesus, King of Glory,  
Jesus, Sun of Justice,  
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,  
Jesus, most amiable,  
Jesus, most admirable,  
Jesus, the mighty God,  
Jesus, Father of the world to come,  
Jesus, angel of great counsel,  
Jesus, most powerful,  
Jesus, most patient,  
Jesus, most obedient,  
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,  
Jesus, Lover of Chastity,  
Jesus, our Lover,  
Jesus, God of Peace,  
Jesus, Author of Life,  
Jesus, Model of Virtues,  
Jesus, zealous for souls,  
Jesus, our God,  
Jesus, our Refuge,  
Jesus, Father of the Poor,  
Jesus, Treasure of the Faithful,  
Jesus, good Shepherd,  
Jesus, true Light,  
Jesus, eternal Wisdom,  
Jesus, infinite Goodness,  
Jesus, our Way and our Life,  
Jesus, joy of the Angels,  
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs,  
Jesus, Master of the Apostles,  
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,  
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,  
Jesus, Light of Confessors,  
Jesus, Purity of Virgins,  
Jesus, Crown of all Saints,

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