

LITANIES

Litany of the Infant Jesus

Traditional litany for private devotion

For Christmastide — the titles of the God who became a child

Glory and praise be to Thee, O tender little Jesus. From the utmost depths of my heart I praise and adore Thee, that for love of me and of all mankind it was Thy will to lie in the manger, and to suffer such great poverty and misery. I praise and adore Thy tender limbs, and Thy tender hands and feet, and I magnify the inexpressible love which drew Thee forth from the bosom of the Heavenly Father, down to a poor and miserable stable.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
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.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Infant Jesus, have mercy on us.
Infant, very God, have mercy on us.
Infant, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.
Infant, Son of the Virgin Mary, have mercy on us.
Infant, begotten before the morning star, have mercy on us.
Infant, Word made flesh, have mercy on us.
Infant, wisdom of Thy Father, have mercy on us.

Infant, purity of Thy Mother, have mercy on us.
Infant, only Son of Thy Father, have mercy on us.
Infant, only-born of Thy Mother, have mercy on us.
Infant, image of Thy Father, have mercy on us.
Infant, Creator of Thy Mother, have mercy on us.
Infant, splendour of Thy Father, have mercy on us.
Infant, honour of Thy Mother, have mercy on us.
Infant, equal to Thy Father, have mercy on us.
Infant, subject to Thy Mother, have mercy on us.
Infant, joy of Thy Father, have mercy on us.
Infant, riches of Thy Mother, have mercy on us.
Infant, gift of Thy Father, have mercy on us.
Infant, gift of Thy Mother, have mercy on us.

Infant, precious fruit of a Virgin, have mercy on us.
Infant, Creator of man, have mercy on us.
Infant, our God, have mercy on us.
Infant, our Brother, have mercy on us.
Infant, perfect man from Thy conception, have mercy on us.
Infant, father of ages, have mercy on us.
Infant, eternal Word, making Thyself dumb, have mercy on us.
Infant, weeping in Thy crib, have mercy on us.
Infant, joy of paradise, have mercy on us.
Infant, exiled from Thy people, have mercy on us.
Infant, strong in weakness, have mercy on us.
Infant, powerful in abasement, have mercy on us.
Infant, treasure of grace, have mercy on us.
Infant, fountain of love, have mercy on us.
Infant, author of all the blessings of heaven, have mercy on us.
Infant, repairer of the evils of earth, have mercy on us.
Infant, head of angels, have mercy on us.
Infant, expectation of nations, have mercy on us.
Infant, joy of the shepherds, have mercy on us.
Infant, light of the Magi, have mercy on us.
Infant, salvation of children, have mercy on us.
Infant, hope of the just, have mercy on us.
Infant, teacher of doctors, have mercy on us.

Be merciful, spare us, O Infant Jesus.
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Infant Jesus.

From the bondage of the children of Adam, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
From the slavery of the devil, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
From the corruption of the world, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
From the lust of the flesh, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
From the pride of life, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
From the blindness of mind, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
From perversity of will, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
From our sins, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

Through Thy most pure conception, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
Through Thy humble birth, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
Through Thy tears, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
Through Thy painful circumcision, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
Through Thy glorious Epiphany, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
Through Thy devout presentation, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
Through Thy most holy life, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
Through Thy poverty, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
Through Thy sorrows, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
Through Thy obedience, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.
Through Thy labours, deliver us, O Infant Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Infant Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Infant Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Infant Jesus.
Infant Jesus, hear us.
Infant Jesus, graciously hear us.

LET US PRAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst vouchsafe so to annihilate the greatness of Thy incarnate Divinity and most sacred Humanity, as to be born in time, and become a little child; grant that we may acknowledge infinite wisdom in the silence of a child, power in weakness, majesty in abasement; so that adoring Thy humiliations on earth, we may contemplate Thy glories in heaven, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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