



# LENT

## THE STORY OF GOD'S LOVE

O Lord,  
**have mercy.**

O Christ,  
**have mercy.**

O Lord,  
**have mercy.**

O Christ,  
**hear us.**

God the Father in heaven.

**have mercy.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**have mercy.**

God the Holy Spirit,

**have mercy.**

Be gracious to us.

**Spare us, good Lord.**

Be gracious to us.

**Help us, good Lord.**

From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil;  
from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war  
and bloodshed; from sedition and  
from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all  
calamity by fire and water, and from  
everlasting death:

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;  
by your holy nativity;

By your baptism, fasting and  
temptation; by your agony and  
bloody sweat; by your cross and  
passion; by your precious death and  
burial;

By your glorious resurrection and  
ascension; and by the coming of the  
Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**Help us, good Lord.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time  
of our prosperity; in the hour of  
death; and in the day of judgment:

**Help us, good Lord.**

We poor sinners implore you

**to hear us, O Lord.**

To raise those who fall and to strengthen  
those who stand; and to comfort and  
help the weak-hearted and the  
distressed:

**We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To give to all peoples concord and peace;  
to preserve our land from discord  
and strife; to give our country your  
protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president and  
all in authority; to bless and protect  
our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in  
danger, necessity, and tribulation; to  
protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all  
mothers with children, increasing  
happiness in their blessings, to  
defend all orphans and widows and  
provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons  
and young children; to free those in  
bondage; and to have mercy on us all;

**We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and  
slanderers and to turn their hearts; to  
give and preserve for our use the  
kindly fruits of the earth; and  
graciously to hear our prayers:

**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**we implore You to hear us.**

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes  
away the sin of the world,

**have mercy.**

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes  
away the sin of the world,

**have mercy.**

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes  
away the sin of the world,

**grant us Your peace.**

O Christ,

**hear us.**

O Lord,

**have mercy.**

O Christ,

**have mercy.**

O Lord

**have mercy. Amen.**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we  
forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*The name "Litany" derives from the Greek word for prayer. In essence it is an explanation of the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy). Our Litany is based on Martin Luther's revision of the Great Litany which had been prayed by Christians for centuries before him. This follows the English translation from the 16th century with some abridgement.*