

The Diocese of Melbourne  
Liturgical Committee

## **Prayer and Intercession**

### **The Great Litany**

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for use in the Diocese of Melbourne  
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*Sections 1 and 6 are always used, together with all or a selection of the other sections.*

1

[Let us pray.]

God the Father,

**have mercy on us.**

God the Son,

**have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,

**have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God,

**have mercy on us.**

2

From all evil and mischief;  
from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred and malice;  
and from all evil intent,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;  
from hardness of heart  
and contempt of your word and your laws,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind;  
from deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

From famine and disaster;  
from plague and pestilence;  
from violence, murder and dying unprepared,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow;  
in all times of joy;  
in the hour of our death and at the day of judgement,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;  
by your birth, childhood and obedience;  
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work;  
by your mighty acts of power;  
and by your preaching of the kingdom,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial;  
by your cross and passion;  
and by your precious death and burial,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection;  
by your glorious ascension;  
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

3

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Govern and direct your holy Church;  
fill it with love and truth;  
and grant it that unity which is your will.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world,  
and to make disciples of all the nations.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten your ministers with knowledge and understanding,  
that by their teaching and their lives  
they may proclaim your word.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word,  
and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bring into the way of truth  
all who have erred and are deceived.

**Hear us, good Lord**

Strengthen those who stand;  
comfort and help the fainthearted;  
raise up the fallen;  
and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

4

Guide the leaders of the nations  
into the ways of peace and justice.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guard and strengthen your servant, Elizabeth the Queen,  
that she may put her trust in you  
and seek your honour and glory.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Endue the members of our parliaments  
and all who govern us  
with wisdom and understanding.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless those who administer the law,  
that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory,  
and for the good of all.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Forgive the sins committed against the ancient peoples of this land  
and move our hearts towards reconciliation.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep all your people.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

5

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved,  
and the oppressed.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Keep in safety those who travel,  
and all who are in danger.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Heal the sick in body and mind,  
and provide for the homeless, the hungry  
and the destitute.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees,  
and all who are in trouble.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers,  
and turn their hearts.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us as we remember with thanksgiving those who have died  
in the peace of Christ,  
and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord, have mercy.**

6

Give us true repentance;  
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance  
and our deliberate sins;  
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit  
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,**

**holy and strong,**

**holy and immortal:**

**have mercy on us.**