

Lord, as needy people we now look to Thy mercy as we bring our requests before Thee in prayer.

In Thy mercy, hear our prayer.

Litany of the People

(Response) Hear our prayer, Lord;
hear our prayer.

In Thy mercy, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of authority,
that Thou mightest grant them Thy wisdom,
we pray to the Lord . . .

(Response)

For friends and family that are struggling
in faith, finances, health, and relationships,
that Thou mightest help them in their time of need,
we pray to the Lord . . .

(Response)

For this day at the Renaissance Festival,
that people would be peaceful and kept safe,
we pray to the Lord

(Response)

For ourselves, that we might:

Know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly,
we pray to the Lord

(Response)

*Petitions of the People *

(Response)

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With humble hearts we commit these requests to Thy mercy.
May Thy will be done.

Profession of Faith

Let us now affirm the unity of our faith as we say together an early creed of our Christian faith.

The Old Roman Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was
born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary;
crucified under Pontius Pilate and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand
of the Father, from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
And in the Holy Spirit; the holy Church;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the flesh.

With hearts in one accord let us now pray the prayer our Savior
taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which 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 forever. Amen

O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,

O praise Him! Alleluia
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God, and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness.

O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Prayer of Confession

Lord, we would praise Thee with pure hearts, holy lips, and clean hands, but we have have failed Thee in thought, word, and deed; we have transgressed Thy laws and have fallen short of Thy glory.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts;
try us, and know our thoughts;
and see if there be any wicked way in us;
and lead us in the way everlasting. *Psa 139:23,24*

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. *Psalm 51:1*

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities,
and cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew right spirits within us. *Psalm 51:2, 10*

We thank Thee, Gracious Father, for Thy abundant mercy and undeserved forgiveness found only in Thy Son, Jesus:

Because of His holy cross,
By His atoning blood,
Amid His sacrificial death,
Through His glorious resurrection.

Declaration of God's Mercy

- O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good:
for His mercy endureth for ever.
- O give thanks unto the God of gods:
for His mercy endureth for ever.
- O give thanks to the Lord of lords:
for His mercy endureth for ever. *Psalm 136:1-3*

