



Litany of the Infant Jesus

This Litany is ideal for recitation during Christmastide (Christmas Day to Epiphany). Underlining is used to indicate recommended bowings: a full neck bow at the utterance of the Holy Name of Jesus; a half-bow for that of our blessed mother, Mary.

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us. Jesus, hear us. *Jesus, 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 Christ, *have mercy on us.*
Infant, true God, *have mercy on us.*
Infant, Son of the living God, *have mercy on us.*
Infant, Son of the Virgin Mary, *etc.*
Infant, strong in weakness,
Infant, powerful in tenderness,
Infant, Treasure of grace,
Infant, Fountain of love,
Infant, Renewer of the heavens,
Infant, Repairer of the evils of earth,

Infant, Head of the angels,
Infant, Root of the patriarchs,
Infant, Speech of prophets,
Infant, Desire of the Gentiles,
Infant, Joy of shepherds,
Infant, Light of the Magi,
Infant, Salvation of infants,
Infant, Expectation of the just,
Infant, Instructor of the wise,
Infant, First-fruit of all saints,

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

From the slavery of the children of Adam, *Infant Jesus, deliver us.*

From the slavery of the devil, *Infant Jesus, deliver us.*

From the evil desires of the flesh, *Infant Jesus, deliver us.*

From the malice of the world, *etc.*

From the pride of life,

From the inordinate desire of knowing,

From blindness of spirit,

From an evil will,

From our sins,

Through Thy most pure Conception,

Through Thy most humble Nativity,

Through Thy tears,

Through Thy most painful Circumcision,

Through Thy most glorious Epiphany,

Through Thy most pious Presentation,

Through Thy most divine life,

Through Thy poverty,

Through Thy many sufferings,

Through Thy labours and travels,



Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on 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.*

∨. Jesus, Infant, hear us.

℞. Jesus, Infant, graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, Thou wert pleased so to humble Thyself in Thine 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, and majesty in humiliation. Adoring Thy humiliations on earth, may we contemplate Thy glories in Heaven, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth forever. *Amen.*







PRAYER TIPS

for Families

Make it a habit.

Pray at the same time every day so your kids know what to expect. You might anchor your day in prayer like religious communities do. Could you pray together before breakfast, after dinner, and before bed?

Set the tone.

Turn off screens and unnecessary lights. Light a candle. I sometimes light incense in a small thurible. Sit in silence for 15-30 seconds to signal to your children that it's time to turn our attention to God.

Be realistic.

Small kids are fidgety and will make mistakes. Simply invite them back to the prayer if they become distracted. Lead by example.

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