

# THE LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



(Prayer on back.)

The Litany of The Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the Litany of Loreto, is a popular prayer of supplication, once prayed in processions to atone for sins and to prevent calamities.

Pilgrims at the famous Marian Shrine in Loreto, Italy used it in the 16th century, and it was approved in 1587 by Pope Sixtus V. Although it is often prayed privately, especially after the rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary has the distinction of being one of only six litanies approved for public recitation by the Holy See.

Its invocations to our Blessed Mother include titles given to her by the early Church Fathers in the first few centuries of Christianity.

It is good, and comforting to remember when praying the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary, that, as St. Bernard once put it “Mary has made herself all to all, and opens her merciful heart to all, that all may receive of her fullness: the sick, health; those in affliction, comfort; the sinner, pardon, and God, glory.”

## THE ROSARY: SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Joyful 1: Luke 1:26-28,31,38

Joyful 2: Luke 1:39-42

Joyful 3: Luke 2:6-7

Joyful 4: Luke 2:22-23,34-35

Joyful 5: Luke 2:46-49

Glorious 1: Matt 28:5-6

Glorious 2: Acts 1:9-11

Luminous 1: Mark 1:9-11

Luminous 2: John 2:5,11

Luminous 3: Mark 1:14-15

Luminous 4: Matt 17:1-2

Luminous 5: Matt 26:26-28

Glorious 3: Acts 2:2-4

Glorious 4: Luke 1:48-49

Sorrowful 1: Luke 22:41-44

Sorrowful 2: John 19:1

Sorrowful 3: John 19:2-3

Sorrowful 4: John 19:17-18

Sorrowful 5: John 19:26-27,30

Glorious 5: Revel 12:1

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: // \*

God, the Holy Ghost, // \*

Holy Trinity, One God, // \*

Holy Mary, // \* *pray for us.*

Virgin most powerful, // \*

Refuge of sinners, // \*

Holy Mother of God, // \*

Virgin most merciful, // \*

Comforter of the afflicted, // \*

Holy Virgin of virgins, // \*

Virgin most faithful, // \*

Help of Christians, // \*

Mother of Christ, // \*

Mirror of justice, // \*

Queen of angels, // \*

Mother of divine grace, // \*

Seat of wisdom, // \*

Queen of patriarchs, // \*

Mother most pure, // \*

Cause of our joy, // \*

Queen of prophets, // \*

Mother most chaste, // \*

Spiritual vessel, // \*

Queen of apostles, // \*

Mother inviolate, // \*

Vessel of honor, // \*

Queen of martyrs, // \*

Mother undefiled, // \*

Singular vessel of devotion, // \*

Queen of confessors, // \*

Mother most amiable, // \*

Mystical rose, // \*

Queen of virgins, // \*

Mother most admirable, // \*

Tower of David, // \*

Queen of all saints, // \*

Mother of good counsel, // \*

Tower of ivory, // \*

Queen conceived without  
original sin, // \*

Mother of our Creator, // \*

House of gold, // \*

Queen assumed into heaven, // \*

Mother of our Savior, // \*

Ark of the covenant, // \*

Queen of the Most Holy  
Rosary, // \*

Virgin most prudent, // \*

Gate of Heaven, // \*

Queen of peace. // \*

Virgin most venerable, // \*

Morning star, // \*

Virgin most renowned, // \*

Health of the sick, // \*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, // *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, // *Graciously hear us O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, // *Have mercy on us.*

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. // *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray:

Grant, O Lord God, we beseech Thee, that we Thy servants may rejoice in continual health of mind and body; and, through the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be freed from present sorrow, and enjoy eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.