

Litany for the Nation in Time of War

O God, the Father in heaven,
have mercy on us.

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

O God, the Holy Spirit,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, merciful Savior, hear us in this hour:
O Christ, visit us with your compassion.

For our sins by which we have grieved you;
for the ways in which we forget your steadfast love;
for our indifference to the gospel and the witness of your church;
for our apathy toward your call to faith;
for our failure to see the spiritual needs of those around us:
we beg your forgiveness, O Lord.

O Christ, forgive us.
O Christ, deliver us.

That our nation may remember you
as the God of mercy and truth;
that the fulfillment of your will may be our desire;
that we may be healed from the motives of greed and revenge;
that we may discover through you a deeper experience of prayer;
that we may offer unselfish devotion
to the well-being of our nation;
that you would uphold and guide our president
and all in authority;

that you would defend and preserve
our soldiers, sailors, and air force;
and that all our people may seek courage
and a spirit of endurance:
we ask this, O Lord.

To comfort those under the constant strain of apprehension;
to remember those in captivity;
to bind up the wounded, sheltering them under your care;
to stretch out your arm
to all who are lonely, tempted, or discouraged;
to have mercy upon all who trust in you:
we ask this, O Lord.

To hasten the day of peace;
to cast away the threads of hate;
to forgive our enemies;
to scatter any who delight in war;
and to renew steadfast faith within us:
hear us, good Lord, and receive our prayer.

O Christ, spare us.
O Christ, heal us.