

A Litany for the Good Friday Offering

This litany is adapted from A Litany for Peace, used from time to time at the Cathedral of St. George, Jerusalem.



O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

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Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us your peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the birth in Bethlehem of the Word made flesh, your Son, Jesus Christ; who dwelt among us full of grace and truth.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for his life; his death in Jerusalem as he carried our sins and suffering, and for his glorious Resurrection in which he gave us new life with him.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for entrusting to us the ministry of forgiveness, reconciliation and peace-making for the healing of your creation.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all victims of bloodshed, violence and persecution and those who are in danger throughout the world, and especially this day for the people of Iraq and the surrounding region.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who grieve for loved ones who have died in the desperation of violent actions this past week.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the guidance of your Holy Spirit upon us, upon political and religious leaders in Iraq, Syria, Israel, and Gaza and upon all those in leadership positions in the United Nations and all those in authority in the nations of the world to seek peace and pursue it.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we praise and glorify you. You are our only refuge in a troubled world.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. Amen.

At this point, it is suggested that intercessions be offered for: The Dioceses of Jerusalem, Cyprus and the Gulf, and Iran; the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East; the Archbishop, bishops, clergy, and people; The Episcopal Church; Fr. Emhardt, church leadership, and donors over the hundred years of the Good Friday Offering; political leadership of the region; ministries of education, healthcare, and hospitality; for respect, mutual understanding, and forbearance; compassion, response, solidarity, and commitment; for peace which passes all understanding for all of God's children.