



INTERCESSIONS 1

Based on The Passion

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battle-ground, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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For those, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

THE TRISAGION may be said.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

BLESSING

Hosanna to our Redeemer who comes. Amen.
Hosanna to our Redeemer who saves. Amen.
Hosanna to our Redeemer who reigns. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS 2

O God, the children of Israel sang praise and welcomed your Son Jesus. They spread before him palms and cloaks and rejoiced at his coming. Let us too welcome him with the mantle of goodness and a song of thanksgiving. At his coming may Christ find us ready to welcome him:
~ *Chris, let our deeds of mercy and justice show our love.*

When you come to us in the poor:
When you come to us in the sick and infirm:
When you come to us in those who have no one to speak for them:
When you come to us in those oppressed by bigotry and hate:
When you come to us in the lonely and forgotten:

When you come to us in the hopeless and despairing:
When you come to us in victims of violence and war:
When you come to us in the dying:

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The Lord's Prayer

INTERCESSIONS 3

Faithful God, you promised to bring healing and salvation to your people. You sent Christ Jesus to show us the fullness of your love for us. Hear us now for we rely on your promise to be our God:

~ In your mercy, rescue your people, O God.

For all those held captive by the chains of oppression, we pray:

For all those who go hungry while others feast in plenty, we pray:

For all those who suffer the pain of discrimination, false judgment, and slander, we pray:

For all those who have never known loving parenting or healing friendship, we pray:

For all those who wander homeless and outcast, we pray:

For all those who struggle to support families in the midst of economic injustice, we pray:

For all those who have been injured or killed through violence, we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

INTERCESSIONS 4

Faithful and loving God, Jesus willingly gave his life that we might live. As he accepted the risks and consequences of loving us, let us accept the cost of discipleship.

That all Christians may find in the example of your human life the courage to devote themselves fully to the purpose of God:

~Hear us, O Christ.

That the church may always and faithfully put on your mind and follow you in humility and self-emptying love:

That men and women who do not know God or who fear God may experience through your gospel the approachable simplicity of God:

That all Sisters of Mercy, their associates and co-workers may draw inspiration and ardor from your wholehearted dedication to the reign of God, even unto death:

That we who gather here in prayer may so live our lives and so follow in your footsteps that our deaths too will be the fruit of our mission:

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PRAYERS

Gracious God, you have heard the cries of your suffering people. You have sent Jesus to us to be our Redeemer and brother. Open our eyes to see the immensity of your love for us and the wonder of what you have done for us. Give us the courage to be your hands and heart for those who are in pain. Give us the wisdom to speak out for justice and righteousness. May your will be done in us today and always. Amen.

Loving God, we bow before the simplicity and holiness of Jesus. Let us never consider the praise or acclaim of others to be a measure of our faithfulness in serving you. Make our hearts like that of Jesus who came as a servant among us. Through the mystery of his cross and resurrection may we be sharers in his mission. Amen.

Shepherd of Israel, you loved all your flock. Teach us to have a love for all peoples, especially for those who are most in need of our help. Let us never fear the consequences of discipleship. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Gracious God, the energy and emotion of a parade can generate joy. Yet the joy of your parade into Jerusalem turned so quickly to pain signaling the sacrifice of your own self. Let this day remind me that while emotions can be fickle, your faithfulness and love remain true. May I see in the giving of your life the power to give myself for others simply for love. When life's struggle sears my soul or sacrifice strips me of hope, strengthen me with your spirit that strode into Jerusalem to face death even as palm branches were strewn before your path and the crowd cried "Hosanna in the highest."