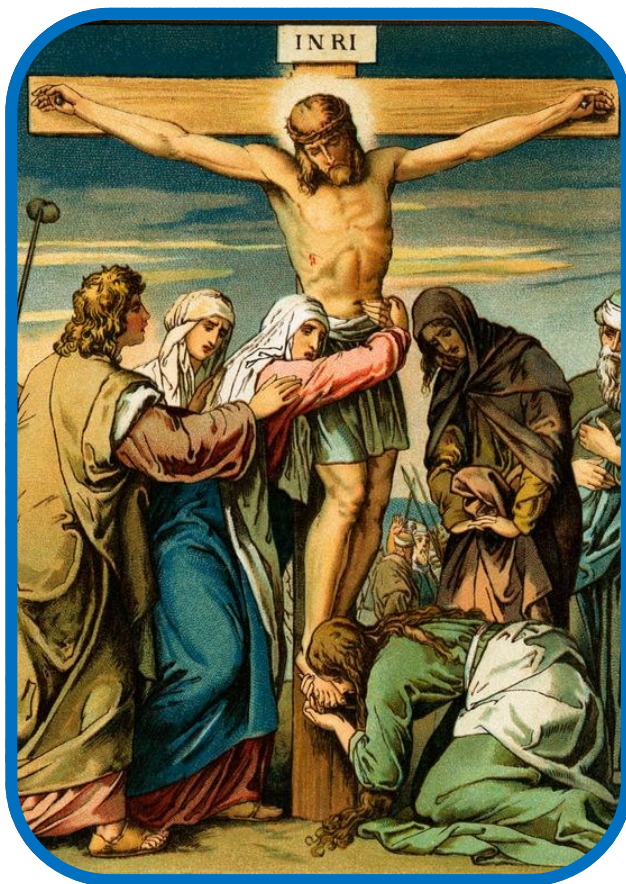


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LORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Jesus, who didst take upon Thee the
form of a servant, who wast despised
and rejected of men, a man of sorrows,
and acquainted with grief, *

Jesus, who, in Thy desolation of heart,
didst prostrate Thyself to the ground
in prayer, and in Thine agony wast
bathed in a sweat of blood, *

Jesus, who wast betrayed by Judas, and
forsaken by all Thy chosen disciples, *

Jesus, who wast falsely accused before
Annas and Caiphas, wast struck on
the face, and didst suffer
contradictions from sinners, *

Jesus, most meek and humble of heart,
who knewest no sin, neither was guile
found in Thy mouth, who, when Thou
wast reviled, reviledst not again; when
Thou sufferedst, threatenedst not, *

Jesus, who gavest Thy back to the
whips, and Thy checks to them
who plucked off the hair, *

Jesus, who wast despised by Herod,
and by him clothed as a fool, *

Jesus, who hadst a murderer preferred
before Thee, and wast delivered up
by Thine unjust judge to the will
of the Jews, *

Jesus, who was scourged at the pillar,
crowned with thorns, and struck
with a reed, *

Jesus, condemned to a disgraceful
death, and crucified between two
thieves, derided by the Jews, mocked
by the soldiers, and reviled by
malefactors, *

Jesus, who in the extremity of Thy
thirst, hadst gall and vinegar given

**Have mercy on us.*

**Have mercy on us.*

Thee to drink, *

Jesus, who prayedst to Thy Father for
Thine enemies, and freely promisedst
pardon to the penitent thief, *

Jesus, who wast obedient to Thy Father,
even unto death, and having
consummated the redemption of man,
didst commend Thy departing spirit
into His hands, *

Jesus, who confirming the truth of Thy
Divinity by Thy glorious resurrection,
art now seated at the right hand of the
Father, as the advocate of sinners, *

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.
That, being dead to sin, we may live to
justice, and glory in nothing but the
Cross of Christ, *

That we may always bear in our bodies
the mortification of Jesus, and crucify
our flesh with the desires thereof, *

That with Thy resignation we may take
up our cross, and follow Thee, and
when, like Thee, we faint by the way,
may Thy heavenly consolations
lift us up, *

That, with Thy fervour, we may pray to
the Father, and, with Thy submission,
say always, 'Father, not my will but
Thine be done,' *

That, looking up to Thee, who for the
joy set before Thee, enduredst the
Cross, despising the shame, we be not
wearied, or faint in our minds, *

That, being cleansed from dead works,
we may no more crucify to ourselves
the Son of God, *

That, being buried with Thee, we may
henceforth walk with Thee, in the
newness of life, *

We beseech Thee to hear us.

**Have mercy on us.*

**We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.*

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.*

LORD Jesus Christ, meek and humble of heart, who hast taught us the lesson of humility, both by word and example, since, being equal to the Father, Thou tookest upon Thee the form of a servant, humbling Thyself even to the death of the Cross, take from us all pride, that we may glory in nothing but the profession of Thy name, think lowly of none but ourselves, or if we see any good in ourselves, acknowledge that it descends from Thee, the Father of all good gifts, and give the glory, not to ourselves, but to Thee, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Most bounteous Lord, who in bestowing Thy gifts upon us, hast commanded us from those gifts to be liberal to our indigent brethren, incline our hearts to Thy law, and not to avarice. Root out of them covetousness, the parent of all evils, that, sighing not after the riches of others, we may give our own, not with sorrow, or from necessity, but with a bounteous and discreet hand, with a heart overflowing with thankfulness to Thee, and compassion to our needy brother, that we may be worthy, as cheerful givers, to enjoy the kingdom prepared for the merciful from the foundation of the world.

Lord Jesus Christ, who, that Thou mightest give us a salutary lesson of abstinence, by word and example,

having taken on Thee our frail nature, didst fast forty days, and thus teach men not to live on bread alone, but on the word of God, grant us to relish Thy words sweeter than honey and the honey-comb, and to despise the incitements of appetite, making it not our god, but serving Thee, our bounteous Lord, being mindful always of the unparalleled sufferings of Thee, our dear Redeemer. Amen.

LORD Jesus Christ, who hast promised a blessing to the clean of heart, look down on our frailty, and renew a right spirit within us; assist us to subdue that concupiscence, which wars against the soul: thus overcoming this inward enemy, may we serve Thee with the purity of Thy Virgin Mother. Amen.

LORD Jesus Christ, who hast included the whole law in the love of God and our neighbour, grant us to love our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, with our whole soul, and our whole mind, since Thou hast so loved us, as to lay down Thy life for our sakes. Grant that we may love our neighbour as ourselves, sincerely rejoicing in his prosperity, or sympathizing in his adversity, and repelling all desires of envy or resentment, thus seek to please Thee, who hadst compassion on the hungry multitude, and forgavest Thy murderous enemies. [Amen.]

Thou, who, like a lamb, wast led to the slaughter, and openest not Thy mouth but to pray for Thine executioners, instill into our hearts the virtue of meekness and patience, that, subduing anger, we may overcome evil with good; by our mildness, as with coals of fire, may the hearts of our enemies be inflamed with mutual charity,

and thus may we truly, with one mind and with one mouth, glorify Thee on earth, and come at length before Thy throne in heaven. Amen.

Lord Jesus, who avoidest no labour, and for us wast weary, hungry, and thirsty, expel from our hearts all sloth, that we may be active in all the duties of religion, and of our sphere of life, and employ ourselves for Thy glory, and for our neighbours' good and edification, that our souls slumber not through sloth, but ran with alacrity in the way of Thy commandments, lest our tepidity move Thee to anger. Enkindle within us the flame of Thy charity, that being strengthened by Thee we may labour by good works, through a right faith, to make our calling and election sure, that what our hand can do, we do quickly thus may we please Thee, and escape the judgment passed on the wicked and slothful servant. Amen.

O God, who willest not the death of sinners, we beseech Thee, by the rigour of Thy life, to pardon the indulgence of ours; as Thou didst absolve the penitent thief, so pardon us, repenting for our sins, that at the day of the revelation of the just judgments of God, the word of malediction strike us not. Grant us to flee from evil, and to do good, to seek peace, and to pursue it, that where sin hath abounded, there grace may flourish. [Amen.]

Remember, Lord Jesus, that it is not Thy will to lose one of these whom the Father gave Thee, that what we owed Thou hast paid, what we have done of evil Thou hast expiated, who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.