The Diocese of Melbourne

Liturgical Committee

**Prayer and Intercession**

**The Great Litany**

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*Sections 1 and 6 are always used, together with all or a selection of the other sections.*

**1**

[Let us pray.]

God the Father,

**have mercy on us.**

God the Son,

**have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit,

**have mercy on us.**

Holy Trinity, one God,

**have mercy on us.**

**2**

From all evil and mischief;

from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;

from envy, hatred and malice;

and from all evil intent,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;

from hardness of heart

and contempt of your word and your laws,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind;

from deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

From famine and disaster;

from plague and pestilence;

from violence, murder and dying unprepared,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow;

in all times of joy;

in the hour of our death and at the day of judgement,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;

by your birth, childhood and obedience;

by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work;

by your mighty acts of power;

and by your preaching of the kingdom,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial;

by your cross and passion;

and by your precious death and burial,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection;

by your glorious ascension;

and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

**good Lord, deliver us.**

**3**

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Govern and direct your holy Church;

fill it with love and truth;

and grant it that unity which is your will.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world,

and to make disciples of all the nations.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten your ministers with knowledge and understanding,

that by their teaching and their lives

they may proclaim your word.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word,

and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bring into the way of truth

all who have erred and are deceived.

**Hear us, good Lord**

Strengthen those who stand;

comfort and help the fainthearted;

raise up the fallen;

and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

**4**

Guide the leaders of the nations

into the ways of peace and justice.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guard and strengthen your servant, Elizabeth the Queen,

that she may put her trust in you

and seek your honour and glory.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Endue the members of our parliaments

and all who govern us

with wisdom and understanding.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless those who administer the law,

that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory,

and for the good of all.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Forgive the sins committed against the ancient peoples of this land

and move our hearts towards reconciliation.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep all your people.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

**5**

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved,

and the oppressed.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Keep in safety those who travel,

and all who are in danger.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Heal the sick in body and mind,

and provide for the homeless, the hungry

and the destitute.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees,

and all who are in trouble.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers,

and turn their hearts.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us as we remember with thanksgiving those who have died

in the peace of Christ,

and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**6**

Give us true repentance;

forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance

and our deliberate sins;

and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit

to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,**

**holy and strong,**

**holy and immortal:**

**have mercy on us.**