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This Litany is published in the humble hope that the Order of Service here suggested, with the reading of God's Holy Word and the singing of appropriate hymns, may assist in giving to our Missionary Meetings a more directly devotional character.

May the GREAT HEAD of the Church graciously pour out upon us the abundance of His Spirit, for the quickening of our Faith, the kindling of our Love, and the increasing of our efforts in furthering the spread of His Gospel.

ORDER OF PROCEEDING FOR THE MEETING.

1. HYMN.
 2. LESSON OF HOLY SCRIPTURE.*
 3. LITANY.
 4. ADDRESSES. †
 5. HYMN.
 6. BENEDICTION.
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* The Lesson may be selected from the following passages :—

Psalm lxvii., lxxii. Isaiah lx. 1—11. St. Matt. x. 5—23; xvi. 13—18; xxviii. 16—30. St. Mark xvi. 14—20. St. Luke x. 1—12. St. John x. 7—18; xii. 20—32; xxi. 15—19. Acts i. 6—11; x. 34—43; xvi. 1—10; xvii. 24—31. Romans x. 12—17. Revelation vii. 9—17.

† If a Collection be made, the time and manner will follow the custom of the Parish.

The following explanations may serve to give definiteness and point to the several petitions. We pray in :

[INVOCATION to the Holy Trinity as willing that all men should be saved;

LITANY.

[All kneeling.]

O God the Father, Who hast made all men, and wouldest have all to be saved and come to the knowledge of Thy truth,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Who gavest Thy life a ransom for all,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Who strengthenest the obedient, and strivest with the disobedient,

Have mercy upon us.

O Holy, Blessed, and glorious Trinity, in Whose Name Thy servants are sent forth to preach and to baptize,

Have mercy upon us.

DEPRECATION for ourselves
that we may be delivered
from hindering the spread
of the Gospel.

PETITIONS :—General ;

From all unthankfulness for Thy
mercy to us, from all neglect of the
means of grace, from all contempt
of Thy Word and Sacraments,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all careless and unholy living,
from all dishonour to our Christian
profession, from all resisting of Thy
Holy Spirit,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all pride and vain glory, from
all selfishness and hypocrisy, from
all coldness and indifference to the
spiritual needs of our fellow men,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear
us, O good Lord ; and that it may
please Thee to make Thy way
known upon earth, Thy saving
health among all nations,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

PETITIONS :—Special ;
For the supply of men ;

For their preservation ;

For their endowment
with necessary gifts :

For Divine Help, Sup-
port and Guidance.

That it may please Thee, O Thou
Lord of the Harvest, to send forth
labourers into Thine Harvest,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

- That it may please Thee to preserve
them in all perils by land and by
water, to protect them from the
craft and violence of evil spirits,
and from the oppositions of un-
godly men,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to pour
upon them the sevenfold gifts of
Thy Spirit, and to make them able
ministers of Thy Word and Sacra-
ments,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to further
them in their success, to sustain
them in their faintness, to cheer
them in their loneliness, and to be
with them in all their ways.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For Preparation of the way
before them.

For Grace working with
them, among the hea-
then,

and among Christians,

That it may please Thee to constrain
them by Thy love, to animate them
with zeal and devotion, and to give
them a right judgment in all things,
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to open to
them everywhere a great door and
effectual, that Thy Word may have
free course and be glorified,
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to enlighten
the ignorant, to convert the unbe-
lievers, to convince the gainsayers,
and to soften all them that resist
Thy truth,
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring
back those who have wandered
from Thee, to visit those who have
forgotten Thee, to strengthen those
who are weak, and to stablish all
who remain faithful to Thee,
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For Complete Conversion
of the Heathen, Maho-
metans, &c.;

and of the Jews.

For direct and immediate
Grace on helpless and
lonely Christians.

For ourselves at home, that
we may pray, and work.



That it may please Thee to convert
the many heathen and unbelievers,
(especially those of —) and to
gather them into the fellowship of
Thy Holy Gospel,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring
Thine ancient people the Jews into
the Covenant of Grace, and speedily
to fill up the number of Thine
elect,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee Thyself to
sustain and keep all Christian peo-
ple who are far removed from the
ministrations of Thy Church,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give to
us and to all Missionary Associa-
tions the spirit of prayer and suppli-
cation for the increase of Thy king-
dom, and grace to labour according
to our several abilities,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For Unity;

For mercy for all.

That it may please Thee to heal
our unhappy divisions, and to make
all that call themselves by Thy
Name to be one Flock under Thy-
self the One Shepherd,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to have
mercy upon all men,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear
us,

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the
sins of the world,

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the
sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

Collect.

O JESU, Saviour of the world, have pity on those who know Thee not, on those who have forgotten Thee, and on those who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land. Visit them with Thy Salvation. Hasten, we pray Thee, Thy Kingdom, that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of Thy glory, as the waters cover the sea. And may these our prayers [*and offerings*] be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

This Litany may also be used for Private Devotion.

MISSIONARY
HYMNS.

1.

7.6.7.6.7.6.7.6.

"Freely ye have received, freely give." St. Matt. x. 8.

FROM Greenland's icy mountains,
 From India's coral strand,
 Where Afric's sunny fountains
 Roll down their golden sand ;
 From many an ancient river,
 From many a palmy plain,
 They call us to deliver
 Their land from error's chain.

What though the 'spicy breezes
 Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle,
 Though every prospect pleases,
 And only man is vile ;
 In vain, with lavish kindness,
 The gifts of God are strewn ;
 The heathen, in his blindness,
 Bows down to wood and stone.

Can we, whose souls are lighted
 With wisdom from on high,
 Can we, to men benighted,
 The lamp of life deny ?
 Salvation, O Salvation !
 The joyful sound proclaim,
 Till each remotest nation
 Has learnt Messiah's name.

Waft, waft, ye winds, His story ;
 And you, ye waters, roll,
 Till, like a sea of glory,
 It spreads from pole to pole ;
 Till, o'er our ransom'd nature,
 The Lamb for sinners slain,
 Redeemer, King, Creator,
 In bliss returns to reign. Amen.

Heber.

2.

7.7.7.7.7.7.

"Let all the people praise Thee." Ps. lxxvii. 3.

GOD of Mercy, God of Grace,
 Shew the brightness of Thy Face ;
 Shine upon us, Saviour shine,
 Fill Thy Church with light divine ;
 And Thy saving health extend
 Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord !
 Be by all that live ador'd !
 Let the nations shout and sing
 Glory to their Saviour King ;
 At Thy feet their tribute pay,
 And Thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise Thee, Lord !
 Earth shall then her fruits afford—
 God to man his blessing give ;
 Man to God devoted live—
 All below, and all above,
 One in joy, and light and love ! Amen.

Lyte.

3.

7.6.7.6.7.6.7.6.

“ *The Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David.*” St. Luke i. 32.

HAIL to the Lord's Anointed,
 Great David's greater Son !
 Hail, in the time appointed,
 His reign on earth begun !
 He comes to break oppression,
 To set the captive free,
 To take away transgression,
 And rule in equity.
 He shall come down like showers
 Upon the fruitful earth,
 And joy and hope, like flowers,
 Spring in His path to birth ;
 Before Him on the mountains,
 Shall Peace, the herald, go ;
 And Righteousness, in fountains,
 From hill to valley flow.

Arabia's desert-ranger
 To him shall bow the knee,
 The Ethiopian stranger
 His glory come to see ;
 With offerings of devotion,
 Ships from the isles shall meet,
 To pour the wealth of ocean
 In tribute at His feet.

Kings shall fall down before Him,
 And gold and incense bring ;
 All nations shall adore Him,
 His praise all people sing ;
 For He shall have dominion
 O'er river, sea, and shore,
 Far as the eagle's pinion,
 Or dove's light wing can soar.

To Him shall prayer unceasing,
 And daily vows ascend ;
 His kingdom still increasing—
 A kingdom without end :
 The mountain dews shall nourish
 A seed in weakness sown,
 Whose food shall spread and flourish,
 And shake like Lebanon.

O'er every foe victorious,
 He on His throne shall rest ;
 From age to age more glorious,
 All-blessing and all-blest ;

The tide of time shall never
 His covenant remove ;
 His name shall stand for ever—
 His great, best, name of Love. Amen.
J. Montgomery.

4.

7.7.7.7.7.7.7.

" Alleluia, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."
 Rev. xix. 6.

HARK ! the song of Jubilee,
 Loud as mighty thunders roar,
 Or the fulness of the sea
 When it breaks upon the shore ;
 Alleluia ! for the Lord
 God Omnipotent doth reign ;
 Alleluia ! let the word
 Echo round the earth and main.
 Alleluia ! hark ! the sound,
 From earth's centre to the skies,
 Wakes above, beneath, around,
 All creation's harmonies !
 See Jehovah's banners furled,
 Sheath'd His sword ; He speaks, 'tis done ;
 And the kingdoms of this world
 Are the kingdom of His Son.

He shall reign from pole to pole,
 With illimitable sway ;
 He shall reign when, like a scroll,
 Yonder heavens have passed away.
 Then the end—beneath His rod
 Man's last enemy shall fall :
 Alleluia ! Christ in God,
 God in Christ, is all in all. Amen.

J. Montgomery.

5.

8.8.8.8.

" He shall have dominion also from sea to sea."
 Ps. lxxii. 8.

JESUS shall reign where'er the sun
 Doth his successive journeys run ;
 His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
 Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 To Him shall ceaseless prayer be made,
 And praises daily crown His Head ;
 His Name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
 With every morning sacrifice.
 People and realms of every tongue,
 Dwell on His love with sweetest song ;
 And infant voices shall proclaim
 Their early blessings on His Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns,
The prisoner leaps to loose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

Where He displays His healing power,
Death and the curse are known no more :
In Him the tribes of Adam boast
More blessings than their father lost.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King ;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen ! Amen.

Watts.

6.

8.7.8.7.

" They were scattered because there is no Shepherd."
Ez. xxxiv. 5.

LORD ! a Saviour's love displaying,
Show the heathen lands thy way ;
Millions still, like sheep, are straying,
In the dark and cloudy day,

Clouds and darkness brooding o'er them,
Veil thy glory from their sight,
Let Thine angel go before them ;
Bring the Gentiles to Thy light,

Fetch them home from every nation,
From the islands of the sea ;
By the Word of Thy Salvation
Call the wanderers back to thee.

Thou their pasture hast provided,
Grant the blessing long foretold ;
Let Thy sheep, divinely guided,
Find at last the common fold. Amen.
Hawkins.

7.

8.7.8.7.8.7.8.7.

" So shall He sprinkle many nations." Is. iii. 15.

SAVIOUR ! sprinkle many nations,
Fruitful let thy sorrows be ;
By Thy pains and consolations,
Draw the Gentiles unto Thee :
Of Thy Cross the wondrous story,
Be it to the nations told ;
Let them see Thee in Thy glory,
And Thy mercy manifold.

Far and wide, though all unknowing,
Pants for Thee each mortal breast ;
Human tears for Thee are flowing,
Human hearts in Thee would rest ;
Thirsting as for dews of even,
As the new-mown grass for rain,
Thee They seek, as God of Heaven,
Thee as Man for sinners slain,

Saviour ! lo, the isles are waiting ;
 Stretch'd the hand, and strain'd the sight ;
 For Thy Spirit, new creating,
 Love's pure glance, and Wisdom's light ;
 Give the word, and, of the Preacher,
 Speed the foot and touch the tongue,
 Till on earth, by every creature,
 Glory to the Lamb be sung. Amen.

A. C. Cox.

8.

6.4.6.6.4.

"*A Light to lighten the Gentiles.*" St. Luke ii. 32.

THOU, whose Almighty word
 Chaos and darkness heard,
 And took their flight ;
 Hear us we humbly pray,
 And where the Gospel-day
 Sheds not its glorious ray,
 Let there be light !

Thou, who didst come to bring,
 On Thy redeeming wing,
 Healing and sight,
 Health to the sick in mind,
 Sight to the inly blind,
 O, now to all mankind,
 Let there be light !

Spirit of truth and love,
 Life-giving Holy Dove,
 Speed forth Thy flight ;
 Move o'er the water's face,
 Bearing the lamp of grace,
 And in earth's darkest place,
 Let there be light !

Blessed and Holy Three,
 Glorious Trinity,
 Grace, Love, and Might ;
 Boundless as ocean's tide,
 Rolling in fullest pride,
 Through the world, far and wide,
 Let there be light ! Ameen.

J. Marriot.

9.

6.6.8.6.

"*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He
 will send forth labourers into his harvest.*"

St. Matt. ix. 38.

WE look'd upon the fields,
 Which white to harvest grew,
 Far, far, and wide the harvest waved
 The labourers were few.

And then, in our distress,
 We to the Lord drew near,
 And with one voice we cried aloud,
 "Lord of the Harvest" hear!—

"O Lord! give Thou the word,
 And labourers shall come in,
 From home, abroad, from far and near,
 These golden stores to win.

"Send ardent, loving men,—
 Wise, faithful, lowly, pure,—
 With love of Thee their hearts constrain'd
 Each labour to endure.

"O hasten, Lord, the time,
 When, in Thy boundless love,
 These whitened fields shall one and all
 Be garner'd safe above!"—

And then by faith we saw,
 An answer there was given,
 Those waving fields on which we gazed,
 Were treasured safe in Heaven.

Jesu, the Harvest's Lord,
 We praise Thee and adore,
 Who art with God the Father, One,
 And Spirit evermore. Amen.

C. D. Crawley.

9.8.9.8.

"One day telleth another, and one night certifieth another." Ps. xix. 2.

THE day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
 The darkness falls at Thy behest;
 To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
 Thy praise shall hallow now our rest.

We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
 While earth rolls onward into light,
 Through all the world her watch is keeping,
 And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
 The dawn leads on another day,
 The voice of prayer is never silent
 Nor dies the hymn of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
 Our brethren 'neath the Western sky;
 And hour by hour fresh lips are making
 Thy wondrous acts be heard on high.

So be it, Lord; Thy power shall never
 Like earth's proud empires pass away;
 But stand, and rule, and grow for ever,
 Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway. Amen.

J. Ellerton.

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