

## THE GREAT LITANY FOR HOLY WEDNESDAY

*(Elements of 'The Great Litany' go back for centuries. There is a long tradition of using The Great Litany on all Wednesdays in Lent. It is especially appropriate for times of special petition.)*

### PRAYER OF APPROACH TO GOD

O God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,

**Have mercy on us.**

O God the Son, redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy on us.**

O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,

**Have mercy on us.**

**LENTEN HYMN** Wait for The Lord (sing through six times)

The musical score is written for piano and consists of two systems. The first system is marked *p* (piano) and the second system is marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). Both systems are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." and "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!".

### PRAYERS FOR DELIVERANCE

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

**Spare us, good Lord.**

From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice;

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all deadly sin; and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all falseness, from hardness of hearts, and contempt for your Word and commandments,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From earthquakes and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood, from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared;

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

**LENTEN MUSIC** Amazing Grace

*Amazing Grace*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

### *For the church*

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.**

Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us a heart to love and reverence you and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith, encourage the fainthearted, raise up those who fall,

**Hear us, good Lord.**

### *For all people*

To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Grant us abundant harvests, strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth, and wisdom to use them well.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten with your Spirit all who teach and all who learn.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Come to the help of all who are in danger and trouble, protect all who travel, and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth, and all children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

In the silence of our hearts,

**Hear us, good Lord...**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let not my doubts nor my dark-ness speak to me. Lord Je - sus Christ, your

light shines with - in us. Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.

**CONCLUDING PRAYERS**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**grant us peace.**

**LENTEN HYMN** Christ Jesus

*(Instruments will play one time and then we will all sing together three times)*

Christ Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Sav - ior! Christ

**THE BENEDICTION**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**