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The Great Litany from *Enriching Our Worship* Volume 1 (pages 46-49) has been adapted with prayers taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*, pages 258, 823, 827, 824, 832, 231, 822, and 261. These prayers were recommended by Forward Movement for a Novena leading up to the 2020 election. This litany adapts the original concept of the Novena for an Election to prayers leading up to any election, without limiting the number of days that this litany can be used.

In order to accommodate the limitations of technology, this Litany is arranged for 12 voices. Please note that the voices are heard in more than one portion of the Litany and that this litany varies from our usual pattern of even-numbered voices praying the responses of the people.

All participants who are not assigned a number in a given portion of the liturgy are invited to mute their microphones and silently pray with the even-numbered voices.

If less than 12 people are present, more than one voice may be assigned to some or all participants.

After all voices are assigned, the service will begin with the ringing of a bell and a short time for briefly-stated prayer intentions, offered either silently or aloud. The service will end with the ringing of a bell.

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I. voices 1 and 2: calling upon God for mercy at this time

The Great Litany, Part I, *Enriching our Worship I*

- 1 Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
2 *Have mercy on us.*
- 1 Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
2 *Have mercy on us.*
- 1 Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
2 *Have mercy on us.*
- 1 O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God,
2 *Have mercy on us.*

II. voices 3 and 4 – prayers for protection

The Great Litany, Part II, *Enriching our Worship I*

- 3 From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from
envy,
hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*
- 3 From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and
contempt for your word and your laws,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*
- 3 From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*
- 3 From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*
- 3 In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the
day of judgment,
4 *Savior, deliver us.*
- 3 By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, baptism, fasting, and
temptation,

4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by
the preaching of your reign,

4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death
and burial,

4 *Savior, deliver us.*

3 By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your
sending of the Holy Spirit,

4 *Savior, deliver us.*

III. voices 5 and 6 – prayers for the welfare of all people

The Great Litany, Part V, *Enriching our Worship I*

5 Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless,
the hungry and the destitute.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who
are in trouble.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them
a share in your eternal glory.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

IV. voices 1-6: prayers for the health and ministry of the Church

The Great Litany, Part III, *Enriching Our Worship I*

1 Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it
that unity which is your will.

2 *Hear us, O Christ.*

3 Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make
disciples of all the nations.

4 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and
understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your
word.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

1 Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of
your Spirit.

2 *Hear us, O Christ.*

3 Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

4 *Hear us, O Christ.*

5 Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up
the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

6 *Hear us, O Christ.*

V. voices 7, 8, and 9: prayers for public servants and all citizens

Adapted from Prayers for National Life: 22. For Sound Government, BCP 821-2

7 *For all the leaders of our land, let us pray:*

8 O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people
at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

9 *Lord, keep this nation under your care.*

7 *For those with administrative authority, let us pray:*
 8 To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States,
 Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and
 grace in the exercise of their duties.
 9 *Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

7 *For lawmakers, let us pray:*
 8 To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in
 States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide
 for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the
 community of nations.
 9 *Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

7 *For those in our judicial system, let us pray:*
 8 To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and
 integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.
 9 *Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

7 *For the citizens of our country, let us pray:*
 8 And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept
 their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect
 trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our
 society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor
 your holy Name.
 9 *For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.*
Amen

VI. voices 10, 11, and 12: prayers for our nation during the time of an election

Adapted from various Collects

10 *Let us pray for our nation:*
 11 Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your
 glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our
 country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may
 use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will;
 12 *O God, for your glory, hear our prayer*

10 *Let us pray for every human heart:*
11 Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every
human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that
barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and
hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice
and peace;
12 *for the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord, O God, hear our prayer*

10 *Let us pray for those who influence public opinion:*
11 Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices:
Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and
write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of
this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous;
12 *O undivided and holy Trinity, hear our prayer*

10 *Let us pray for how we navigate these times of conflict:*
11 O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the
midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another
without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual
forbearance and respect;
12 *O undivided and holy Trinity, hear our prayer*

10 *Let us pray for guidance*
11 O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up
in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,
the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of
wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may
see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble;
12 *O merciful God of wisdom, hear our prayer*

10 *Let us pray for direction from God:*
11 Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and
further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued,
and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy
mercy, obtain everlasting life;
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 12 *for the honor of your Holy Name, O God, hear our prayer*
- 10 *Let us pray for discernment:*
 11 O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you,
 and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to
 do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them;
 12 *For the sake of your glory and honor, hear our prayer*
- 10 *Let us pray for the election:*
 11 Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and
 privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of
 officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise
 laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to
 fulfill your purposes;
 12 *O God of justice, hear our prayer*
- 10 *Let us pray for our own work for the common good:*
 11 Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth
 your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our
 various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the
 work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good
 12 *O holy and undivided Trinity, one God, hear our prayer*

VII. voices 1-10: trusting God for grace, faith, and love

The Great Litany, Part VI, *Enriching Our Worship* I and BCP 153-4

- 1 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 word.
- 2 *Holy God,
 Holy and Mighty,
 Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us.*

- 3 Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
- 4 Give us today our daily bread.
- 5 Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
- 6 Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
- 7 O Lord, let your mercy be showed upon us
- 8 *As we do put our trust in you.*
- 9 Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in
your Son's Name: We beseech you mercifully to incline your ear to us who
have now made our prayers and supplications unto you; and grant that those
things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained
effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
- 10 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*