

A LITANY OF LABOUR

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Jesus, born in poverty, born to bring peace among men,
workman at Nazareth, *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, in Whom the proud were scattered and the mighty put
down, giving good things to the hungry, exalting them of
low degree, *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, in Whom all the nations of the earth are one, in Whom
is neither bond nor free, Brother of all, *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, preaching good tidings to the poor, proclaiming release
to the captives, setting at liberty them that are bound,
Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, friend of the poor, feeder of the hungry, healer of the
sick, *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, denouncing the oppressor, instructing the simple,
going about to do good, *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, teacher of patience, pattern of gentleness, prophet of
the kingdom of Heaven, *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, forgiving them that love much, drawing all men unto
Thee, calling them that labour and are heavy laden, *Have
mercy upon us.*

Jesus, who camest not to be ministered unto but to minister,
who hadst not where to lay Thy head, loved by the
common people, *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, betrayed for the sake of money, taken by the chief
priests, condemned by the rulers, *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, crucified for us, *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, Who hast called us to the fellowship of Thy kingdom,
in whom is no respect of persons, who will know us by
our fruits, *Have mercy upon us.*

Thou voice of Justice who dost say to us: "Inasmuch as ye
have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren,
ye have done it unto me." *Have mercy upon us.*

From the love of money;

From dishonesty in business;

From forgetfulness of our duty;

From anger and malice against opponents;

From contempt of others;

From offence against Thy little ones.

From oppression of the poor;

From all acceptance of worldly standards;

From all pride; from all lust; from all anger.

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the taking of our flesh;

By Thy humble birth;

By Thy hard life;

By Thy bitter death;

By Thy glorious resurrection and ascension.

Good Lord, deliver us.

Finally we beseech Thee, O Lord, mighty and ever wise,
that thou wilt guide, protect, and inspire all those who learn
and labour truly to get their own living.