

LITANY OF THE MOST SWEET NAME OF JESUS

This Litany was composed by St. Gertrude the Great and might be prayed on her feastday (16th November) and in the month of January, which is dedicated to our Blessed Lord under his title of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, Son of the living God!, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary!, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, Son of David!, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, King of Glory!, &c.

Jesus, most benignant!,

Jesus, most amiable!,

Jesus, most kind !,

Jesus, most tender-hearted!,

Jesus, most gracious!,

Jesus, most sweet!,

Jesus, most sweet of speech!,

Jesus, most friendly!,

Jesus, most merciful!,

Jesus, profuse of gifts!,

Jesus, most rich in grace!,

Jesus, dispenser of delights!,

Jesus, most beautiful!,

Jesus, Thou chosen One of God!,

Jesus, most worthy of our love!,

Jesus, splendour of the Father!,

Jesus, the beloved One of our Father!,

Jesus, the unfading flower of humanity!,

Jesus, the blossoming branch of the root of Jesse!,

Jesus, most intensely-loved Bridegroom of chaste souls!,

By the power of Thy Name most sweet!,

By the tenderness of Thy loving heart!,
By the love with which Thou didst become Man!,
By the love with which Thou wert laid in the crib!,
By the love which made Thee submissive to Thy mother!,
By the love with which, for thirty-three years,
 Thou didst endure the miseries of human nature!,
By the love with which Thou didst suffer the bitterest of deaths!,
By the love which permitted Thy holy Heart to be pierced
 and laid open!,
By the love with which Thou, at Thy Resurrection,
 didst glorify the bodies of the just!,
By the love with which Thou hast raised human nature
 on Thy Father's throne!,
By the love with which Thou dost show to Thy Heavenly Father
 Thy holy wounds, received for us sinners!,
By the love which Thou hast restored between God and man!,
By the love which exists between Thy Father and Thyself!,
By love itself, which love Thou art, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
 spare us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
 graciously hear us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us, O Jesus.

∇. Jesus, Saviour of the world, graciously hear us!,

℞. For Thy mercy is unbounded.

Let us pray.

Most benignant Jesus, mellifluous Bridegroom of all living souls, accept this litany offered to the honour and glory of Thy sweet Name, and for the sake of that love with which, for the consolation of all men, Thou hast assumed this holy Name; grant that, through the might of this exalted Name, I may be preserved from all temptations in life and in death. *Amen.*