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Here followeth the Letanie, to
be vfed vpon Sundayes, Wednesdayes, and Fridayes, and at other times when it shalbe comman
ded by the Ordinarie.

God the father of heauen : haue mercy vpon
vs miserable sinners.

O God the father of heauen : haue mercy vpon
vs miserable sinners.

O God the Sonne redeemer of the world :
haue mercye vpon vs miserable sinners.

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O God the holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the
Sonne : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son : haue
mercye vpon vs miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinitie, three persons and
one God : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

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mercye vpon vs miserable sinners.

Remember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our
forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sinnes : spare
vs good Lord, spare thy people whomo thou hast redeemed
with thy molt precious blood, and be not angry with vs for
ever.

Spare vs good Lord.

From all euill and mischief, from sinne, from the crafts
and assaults of the devill, from thy wrath, and from everla-
sting damnation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From all blindnesse of heart, from pride, vaine glory, &
hypocrisie, from enuie, hatred, & malice, and all uncharitable-
nes.

Good Lord deliuer vs.
From fornication and all other deadly sinne: and from all
the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil.
Good Lord deliver us.

From lightning and tempest, from plague, pestulence and
famine, from battle and murder, and from sudden death.
Good Lord deliver us.

From all sedition and privie conspiracie, from all false doc-
trine and heresie, from hardnesse of heart, and contempt of thy
Word and Commandement.
Good Lord deliver us.

By the mysterie of thy holy Incarnation, by thy holy Na-
tuittie and Circumcision, by thy Baptisme, Fasting and Temp-
tation.
Good Lord deliver us.

By thine agonie and bloody sweat, by thy Crosse and Pa-
ssion, by thy precious Death and Buriall, by thy glorious
Resurrection, and Ascension, and by the comming of the holy
Ghost.
Good Lord deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in
the houre of death, and in the day of Judgement.
Good Lord deliver us.

Wee sinners doe beseech thee to heare us (O Lord God)
and that it may please thee to rule and governe thy holy Church
univerfully, in the right way.
We beseech thee to heare us good Lord.

That it may please thee, to kepe and strengthen in the true
worshipping of thee, in righteousnes and holynesse of life, thy
servant Charles our most gracious King and Gouernour.
We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule his heart in thy faith, feare,
and loue, and that hee may euermore haue alliance in thee,
and euermore haue thy honour and glory.
We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to be his defender and keeper, gi-
ving him the victory ouer all his enemies.
We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.
That it may please thee to bleffe and preserue our graciou# Queene Mary, Prince Charles, and the rest of the Royall Pro-
genie.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Pa-
stours, and ministers of the Church, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word, and that both by their preaching and liuing, they may let it foorth and shew it accordingly.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue the Lords of the Counfell, and all the Nobilitie, with grace, wisedome, and understanding.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe the Magistrates, geuing them grace to execute Justice, and to maintaine trueth.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe all thy people.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to geue to all nations, unitie, peace, and concord.

We beſeche the to heare vs good Lorde.

That it may please thee to giue vs an heart to loue & dread thee, and diligently to liue after thy Commandementes.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue all thy people increase of grace, to heare meekely thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of trueth all luch as haue erred, and are deceiued.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen luch as do stand, and to comfort and helpe the weake hearted, and to raise vp them that fall, and finally to beate downe Satan under our feete.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may pleaseth thee to succour, helpe, and comforte all that be in danger, necessitie, and tribulation.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may pleaseth thee to preserue all that travaile by land or by water, all women labouring of childe, all sicke perlon
and young children, and to shew thy pitie vpon all prizoners and captiues.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may pleale thee to defend, and provide for the fatherlesse children and widowes, and all that be desolate and oppressed.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may pleale the to haue mercie vpon all men.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may pleale thee to forgiue our enemies, persecu-
tours and slanderers, and to turne their hearts.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may pleale the to giue and preserue to our vse the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time wee may enjoy them.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may pleale the to giue vs true repentance, to forgiue vs all our sinnes, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue vs with the grace of thy holy Spirit, to amend our liues according to thy holy word.

We beſeech thee to heare vs good Lord.

Sonne of God : we beſeech thee to heare vs.

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O Lambe of God that takest away the sinnes of the world.

Grant vs thy peace.

O Lambe of God that takest away the sinnes of the world,

Haue mercy vpon vs.

O Chriſt heare vs.

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Lord haue mercie vpon vs.

Lorde haue mercy vpon vs.

Chriſt haue mercie vpon vs.

Christ haue mercie vpon vs.

Lord haue mercie vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

O Ur father which art in heauen, &c.

And lead vs not into temptation.

But deliuer vs from euill. Amen.
The Verſicle.

O Lorde deale not with vs after our sinnes.
The Anſwere.
Neither reward vs after our iniquities.

¶ Let vs praye.
God mercifull Father, that delpisest not
the lighing of a contrite heart, nor the
desire of luch as bee sorrowfull, mercyp-
fully allit our prayers that wee make
before thee in all our troubles and ad-
verities, whenloever they oppresse vs,
and gracioullie heare vs, that thole e-
uits, which the craft and subtilty of the
deuill or man worketh against vs, bee
brought to nought, and by the provi-
dence of thy goodnes they may be disperseld, that wee thy
servants, being hurt by no perfections, may euermore giue
thankes to thee in thy holy Church, through Jesu Christ our
Lord.

O Lord ariſe, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thy Names ſake.
O God wee haue heard with our eare, and our father haue
declared vnto vs the noble worke that thou diddest in their
dayes, and in the old time before them.
O Lord ariſe, helpe vs, and deliuer vs, for thine honour.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Sonne, and to the holy
Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and euer shall be world
without end. Amen.

From our enemies defend vs, O Chriſt.
Graciouſly looke vpon our afflictions.
Pitifully behold the sorrowes of our heart.
Mercifully forgiue the ſinnes of thy people.
Favourably with mercy heare our prayers.
O Sonne of Dauid haue mercy vpon vs.
Both now and euer, vouchesafe, to heare vs, O Chriſt.
Graciouſly heare vs, O Chriſt, graciouſly heare vs, O Lord Chriſt.
The verſicle.

O Lord let thy mercy be shewed upon vs.

The Anſwere.

As we doe put our truſt in thee.

¶ Let vs pray.

E humbly beſeech thee, O Father, merciſfully to looke upon our infirmities: and for the glory of thy Names lake, turne from vs all those euill that we most righteously haue defercued: and grant that in all our troubles wee may put our whole truſt and confidence in thy mercy, and euermore serve thee in holinesse and purenesse of living, to thy honour and glory, through our onely Mediatour and Aduocate Jesus Chrift our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Kings Maiëtie.

Lord our heuenly Father, high and mighty, King of Kings, Lord of lords, the onely ruler of Princes, which doest from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth, most heartily wee beſeech thee with thy fauour to behold our most graciou Soueraigne Lord King Charles, and fo replenſh him with the grace of thy holy Spirit, that he may alway incline to thy will, and walke in thy way: Indue him plentifully wth heavenly gifts: Grant him in health and wealth long to live: strength him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies: And finally after this life he may atteaine everlaſting ioy and felicite, through Jesus Chrift our Lord. Amen.
\*\* A prayer for the Queen, Prince Charles, and the rest of the Royall progenie. \*\*

\textit{Lmighty God, the fountain of all goodnesse, We humbly beseech thee to blesse our gracious Queen Mary, Prince Charles, and the rest of the Royall Progenie: Endue them with thy holy Spirit, enrich them with thy heavenly grace, prosper them with all happinelle, and bring them to thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.}

\textit{Lmighty and everlasting God, which onely workest great maruell, send down vpon our Bishops and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace, and that they may truely please thee, powre vpon them the continuall dew of thy blessing: grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediatour, Jesus Christ. Amen.}

\*\* A Prayer of Chriſoſtome. \*\*

\textit{Lmighty God, which haft giuen vs grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and doest promise that when two or three be gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requelts: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting vs in this world knowledge of thy trueth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.}

2 Corinthians 13.

\textit{The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the loue of God, and the fellowship of the holy Ghost, bee with vs all euermore. Amen.}
For raine, if the time require.

God heauenly Father, which by thy Sonne Jesu Christ, hast promised to all them that seek the Kingdom and the righteounesse thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance: Send vs, we beseech thee, in this our necessitie, such moderate raine and showres, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort and to thy honour, through Jesu Christ our Lord. Amen.

For fair weather.

Lord God, which for the sinne of man diddest once drown all the world, except eight persons, and afterward of thy great mercy didst promise never to destroy it so again: we humbly beseech thee, that although we for our iniquitie have worthily deserved this plague of raine and waters; yet upon our true repentance, thou wilt lend us such weather, whereby we may receive the fruits of the earth in due season, and learn both by thy punishment to amend our liues, and for thy clemency to give thee praie and glory, through Jesu Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the time of dearth and famine.

God heauenly Father, whose gift it is that the raine both fall, the earth is fruitfull, beasts increase, and fishes do multiply: Behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy people, and grant that the scarcitie and dearth (which we do
now most justly suffer for our iniquitie) may through thy
goodness be mercifully turned into cheapness and plenty, for
the love of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the
holy Ghost be Praise for ever. Amen.

¶ In the time of Warre.

Almighty God, King of all Kings, and
governour of all things, whose power no
creature is able to resist, to whom it
belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to
be merciful unto them that truly
repent, sue, and deliver us (we humbly
beseech thee) from the hands of our
enemies, abate their pride, assuage their
malice, and confound their devices, that
we being armed with thy defence, may be preferred evermore
from all perils to glorifie thee, which art the only giver of all
victory, through the merits of thy only Son Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

¶ In the time of any common plague or sickness.

Almighty God, which in thy wrath, in the time
of king David didst slay with the plague of
pestilence, three score and ten thousand, and yet
remembering thy mercy, diddest save the rest:
have pite upon us miserable sinners, that now
are visited with great sickness, and mortalitie, that like as
thou diddest then command thine Angel to cease from puni-
shing: so it may now please thee to withdraw from us this
plague, and grievous sickness, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

God, whose nature and propertie is ever to
have mercy, and to forgive, receive our
humble petitions: and though we be tied
and bound with the chaine of our sinnes, yet
let the pitifulness of thy great mercie loose
us, for the honour of Jesus Christes sake,
our Mediatour and Advocate. Amen.
A thanksgiving for raine.

God our heavenly Father, who by thy gracious providence dost cause the former and the latter raine to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man: we give thee humble thanks, that it hath pleased thee, in our greatest necessitie, to send us at the last a joyfull raine upon thine inheritance, and to refresh it when it was dry, to the great comfort of us thy unworthy servants, and to the glory of thy holy Name; through thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A thanksgiving for faire Weather.

Lord God, who hast justly humbled us by thy punishment of immoderate raine and waters, and in thy mercy hast relieved and comforted our soules by this reasonable and blessed change of weather: We praise and glorify thy holy Name for this thy mercie, and will always declare thy loving kindness from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A thanksgiving for plentie.

Most mercifull Father, which of thy gracious goodnesse hast heard the devout prayers of thy Church, and turned our dearth and scarletie into cheapnesse and plentie: We give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty; beseeching thee to continue this thy loving kindness unto us, that our land may yeeld us her fruits of increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
A thanksgiving for peace and victory.

Almighty God, which art a strong Tower of defence unto thy servants against the face of their enemies: We yield thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from those great and apparent dangers wherewith we were compassed: We acknowledge it thy goodness that we were not delivered over as a prey unto them; beseeching thee still to continue such thy mercies towards us, that all the world may know that thou art our Saviour and mighty deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A thanksgiving for deliverance from the plague.

Lord God, which hast wounded us for our sinnes, and consumed us for our transgressions, by thy late heavy and dreadful visitation, and now in the midst of judgement remembering mercy, hast redeemed our souls from the jaws of death: We offer unto thy Fatherly goodness our lives, our souls and bodies, which thou hast delivered, to be a living sacrifice unto thee, always praising and magnifying thy mercies in the midst of thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this.

E humbly acknowledge before thee, (O most mercifull Father) that all the punishments which are threatened in thy law might justly have fallen upon us, by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart: yet seeing it hath pleased thee of thy tender mercy, upon our weak and unworthy humiliation, to asswage the noisome pestilence wherewith we lately have been sore afflicted, and to restore the voice of joy and health into our dwellings: We offer unto thy divine Majesty the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, lauding and magnifying thy glorious Name for such thy preservation and providence over us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.