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The Litany and Suffrages for Ordinations

O GOD the Father,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

WE beseech thee to hear us, good Lord; and that it may please thee to grant peace to the whole world, and to thy Church;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to sanctify and bless thy holy Church throughout the world;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with love of thee and of thy truth;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue all Ministers of thy Church with devotion to thy glory and to the salvation of souls;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ Here, at the Ordination of Deacons or of Priests shall be said,

That it may please thee to bless these thy servants, now to be admitted to the Order of Deacons (or Priests), and to pour thy grace upon them; that they may duly execute their Office to the edifying of thy Church, and to the glory of thy holy Name;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

¶ Here, at the Consecration of a Bishop shall be said,

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That it may please thee to bless this our Brother elected, and to send thy grace upon him, that he may duly execute the Office whereunto he is called, to the edifying of thy Church, and to the honour, praise, and glory of thy Name;

We beseech thee to bear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to guide by thy indwelling Spirit those whom thou dost call to the Ministry of thy Church; that they may go forward with courage, and persevere unto the end;

We beseech thee to bear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to increase the number of the Ministers of thy Church, that the Gospel may be preached to all people;

We beseech thee to bear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to hasten the fulfilment of thy purpose, that thy Church may be one;

We beseech thee to bear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that we, with all thy saints, may be partakers of thy everlasting kingdom;

We beseech thee to bear us, good Lord.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister. Hearken unto our voice, O Lord, when we cry unto thee;

Answer. Have mercy upon us and hear us.

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Minister. O Lord, arise, help us;

Answer. And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Minister. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;

Answer. And let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

Minister. Lord, hear our prayer;

Answer. And let our cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who dost ever hallow and protect thy Church; Raise up therein, through thy Spirit, good and faithful stewards of the mysteries of Christ, that by their ministry and example thy people may abide in thy favour and be guided in the way of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*