SPIRITUAL RESOURCES
Friday Devotion: Litany of the Passion

In its tradition, the Church has a specific focus of devotion for each day of the week. During this period where the public Celebration of Mass, and other aspects of the Sacramental Life of the Church, are suspended by order of our Bishop, we desire to tend to the spiritual need in the hearts of our Parishioners. To this end we are providing online and, in the Church, spiritual resources to nourish the prayer life of the faithful and keep them close to the heart of Christ and his Church. The focus of devotional practices for each day of the week as made known in the Tradition of the Church are:

Monday — Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday – The Holy Angels
Wednesday – St. Joseph
Thursday – The Most Blessed Sacrament
Friday – The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ (also, the Sacred Heart of Jesus)
Saturday – Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday – The Most Holy Trinity

Litany of the Passion
for private recitation

Lord, Have mercy on us.
Christ, Have mercy on us.
Lord, Have mercy on 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.

Jesus, brought before Annas and Caiphas,
Jesus, struck in the face by a servant,
Jesus, accused by false witnesses,
Jesus, declared guilty of death,
Jesus, spat upon,
Jesus, blindfolded,
Jesus, smitten on the cheek,
Jesus, thrice denied by Peter,
Jesus, delivered up to Pilate,
Jesus, despised and mocked by Herod,
Jesus, clothed in a white garment,
Jesus, rejected for Barabbas,
Jesus, torn with scourges,
Jesus, bruised for our sin,

Response to each: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, esteemed a leper,  
Jesus, covered with a purple robe,  
Jesus, crowned with thorns,  
Jesus, struck with a reed upon the head,  
Jesus, demanded for crucifixion by the Jews,  
Jesus, condemned to an ignominious death,  
Jesus, given up to the will of Thine enemies,  
Jesus, loaded with the heavy weight of the Cross,  
Jesus, led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
Jesus, stripped of Thy garments,  
Jesus, fastened with nails to the cross,  
Jesus, reviled by the malefactors,  
Jesus, promising Paradise to the penitent thief,  
Jesus, commending St. John to Thy Mother as her son,  
Jesus, declaring Thyself forsaken by Thy Father,  
Jesus, in Thy thirst given gall and vinegar to drink,  
Jesus, testifying that all things written concerning Thee were accomplished,  
Jesus, commending Thy Spirit into the hand of Thy Father,  
Jesus, obedient even to the death of the Cross,  
Jesus, pierced with a lance,  
Jesus, made a propitiation for us,  
Jesus, taken down from the Cross,  
Jesus, laid in the sepulcher,  
Jesus, rising gloriously from the dead,  
Jesus, ascending into Heaven,  
Jesus, our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus, sending down on Thy disciples the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete,  
Jesus, exalting Thy Mother above the choirs of Angels,  
Jesus, Who shalt come to judge the living and the dead,  

Be merciful, Spare us, O Lord.  
Be merciful, Graciously hear us, O Lord.  
From all evil, Lord Jesus, Deliver us.  
Response to each: Deliver us  
From all sin, Lord Jesus,  
From anger, hatred, and every evil will, Lord Jesus,  
From war, famine, and pestilence, Lord Jesus,  
From all dangers of mind and body, Lord Jesus,  
From everlasting death, Lord Jesus,  
Through Thy most pure Conception, Lord Jesus,  
Through Thy miraculous Nativity, Lord Jesus,  
Through Thy humble Circumcision, Lord Jesus,  
Through Thy Baptism and holy fasting, Lord Jesus,  
Through Thy labors and watchings, Lord Jesus,  
Through Thy cruel scourging and crowning, Lord Jesus,  
Through Thy thirst, and tears, and nakedness, Lord Jesus,  
Through Thy precious death and Cross, Lord Jesus,
Through Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, Lord Jesus,
Through Thy sending forth the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete, Lord Jesus,
In the day of judgment, Lord Jesus, Deliver us.

We sinners, Response to each: we beseech Thee, hear us.
That Thou would spare us,
That Thou would pardon us,
That Thou would vouchsafe to bring us to true penance,
That Thou would vouchsafe mercifully to pour into our hearts the grace of the Holy Spirit,
That Thou would vouchsafe to defend and propagate Thy holy Church,
That Thou would vouchsafe to preserve and increase all societies assembled in Thy Holy Name,
That Thou would vouchsafe to bestow upon us true peace,
That Thou would vouchsafe to give us perseverance in grace and in Thy holy service,
That Thou would vouchsafe to deliver us from unclean thoughts,
the temptations of the devil, and everlasting damnation,
That Thou would vouchsafe to unite us to the company of Thy Saints,
That Thou would vouchsafe graciously to hear us,

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Christ, hear us; Christ, graciously hear us.

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and praise Thee:
R. Because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Let Us Pray. Almighty and eternal God, Who hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Savior of the world, and hast willed to be appeased with His blood, grant that we may so venerate this price of our salvation, and by its might be so defended upon earth from the evils of this present life, that in Heaven we may rejoice in its everlasting fruit. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end.
—Amen.

About Litanies. Litanies are prayers to our Lord, his Blessed Mother, and the saints consisting of a series of petitions and responses. Although they are traditionally used in church services, they can also be prayed in private devotions, and may be sung. The word “litany” itself comes from the Greek word “lite,” meaning “prayer” or “supplication.” In public worship, one person recites the first part of the prayer, which is followed by a response from the congregation (such as “pray for us”). These prayers have their roots in the pre-Christian era when Jews used this responsive pattern in public worship. The first Christian litanies probably consisted of the frequent repetition of the words Kyrie Eleison (Greek for “Lord have Mercy,” the same words we pray at Mass).