

# Litany for Liberty

For use during the Fortnight for Freedom  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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*This prayer may be prayed in a group setting led by a leader of prayer, who begins the litany with the introduction and the announcement of each invocation, or if it is prayed individually, the individual prays the entire prayer.*

## INTRODUCTION

Christ the Lord has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.  
Let us turn to him in humble but fervent petition,  
seeking the grace to root out from our hearts all trace of darkness,  
and all that holds us back  
from walking in the full freedom of the children of God.  
As Christ is our great model for that inner freedom,  
which enables us to do the right,  
let us turn to him with confidence  
that we, too, may follow him to the fullness of spiritual freedom.

V. Lord, have mercy;

V. Christ, have mercy;

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R. *Lord, have mercy.*

R. *Christ, have mercy.*

R. *Lord, have mercy.*

V.

Jesus, victor over sin and death...

Jesus, source of light and hope...

Jesus, fullness of truth and mystery...

Jesus, teacher of seeking hearts...

Jesus, healer of body and soul...

Jesus, bringer of mercy and justice...

Jesus, who humble the heart and mind...

Jesus, release of captives...

Jesus, voice against violence...

Jesus, courage for the lowly/downtrodden...

Jesus, origin of all authority and power...

Jesus, true lawgiver...

Jesus, unity of order and passion...

Jesus, freedom of the Spirit...

Jesus, obedient Son of the Father...

R.

*Free our hearts.*

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V/.

For the freedom to love...  
For the freedom to believe...  
For the freedom to hope...  
For the freedom to worship...  
For the freedom to serve in charity...  
For the freedom to care for the suffering...  
For the freedom to comfort the sick...  
For the freedom to feed the hungry...  
For the freedom to shelter the homeless...  
For the freedom to proclaim the Gospel...  
For the freedom to walk in chastity...  
For the freedom to live in peace...  
For the freedom to work in good conscience...  
For the freedom to stand in solidarity...  
For the freedom to seek justice...

V/.

For the freedom to reject sin...  
For the freedom to reject coercion...  
For the freedom to reject falsehood...  
For the freedom to reject evil temptations...  
For the freedom to reject injustice...

R/.

*Give us your grace.*  
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### CLOSING PRAYER

O God, who gave one origin to all peoples  
and willed to gather from them one family for yourself,  
fill all hearts, we pray, with the fire of your love  
and kindle in them a desire  
for the just advancement of their neighbor,  
that, through the good things which you richly bestow upon all,  
each human person may be brought to perfection,  
every division may be removed,  
and equity and justice may be established in human society.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.

R/ *Amen.*

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