

# Litany for the Church in Crisis

Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.*  
Christ, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.*  
Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.*  
Christ hear us. *Christ graciously hear us.*

In the midst of darkness, confusion, and outrage,  
God we ask for your guidance and right judgement  
in revealing what is hidden, righting what is wrong,  
and healing what is broken.

From apathy when faced with evil. *DELIVER US, O LORD.*

From covering up of sin within our Church.

From systems which allow the continuation of abuse.

From cowardly and sinful leaders.

From despair and hopelessness.

For every individual who has personally suffered at the hands  
of a clergy member or lay leader. *LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER*

For every victim not taken seriously.

For every family member and friend of those who have suffered.

For healing and restoration.

For those who groom individuals to become victims of crimes  
and commit grave sin, particularly abuse, rape, and molestation.

For those who abuse the power of their office to violate the  
dignity of other people in an effort to placate their selfish and  
sinful appetites.

For those who violate the trust of those they vowed to lead to  
Christ.

For those who aid and abet grave sin among our clergy and lay  
leaders.

For justice to be served.

For sincere repentance and conversion of heart.

For those coerced and blackmailed into silence.

For those who remain silent in the face of evil.

For good and holy clergy and lay leaders working to heal the  
wound of abuse and prevent it in the future.

For good and holy clergy as they continue to perform their  
duties and provide access to the sacraments.

For good and holy lay people working in parishes and  
religiously affiliated organizations.

For courage on the part of all leaders entrusted with the  
protection of members of the Body of Christ.

For the formation of current seminarians.

For parents concerned for their children's safety and wellbeing.

For those tempted to leave their home in the Catholic Church  
because of abuse and scandal.

For those experiencing feelings of betrayal.

For perseverance in combating evil.

For renewed faith in Jesus Christ.

For renewed hope in the saving power of a life lived for heaven.

For renewed charity towards our brothers and sisters.

For renewed commitment to rightly ordered sexuality through  
the virtue of chastity.

For purity of heart and action.

For transparency and collaboration in forming a solution.

Jesus, giver of life, purify your Church plagued with the rot  
of sin. Spur on faithful leaders to courageously take  
decisive action knowing full well the personal sacrifice  
required. Give the grace of humility in admitting  
wrongdoing and working towards a long term resolution.  
Enkindle in the hearts of our laity the perseverance to  
endure the scandal of sin and the faithfulness to defend all  
that is good about the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic  
Church founded by Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit, Divine  
Comforter, be with your children who are suffering. Inspire  
the reform needed so desperately in your Church. Be with  
every faithful member of the Body of Christ as we  
determine how to move forward. God the Father, remind  
us of your goodness. Bring peace to every weary soul and  
justice to every hidden corner of sin. Shine your light on all  
that is hidden and wash it clean with the blood of your Son  
offered in reparation for the sins of your children.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.