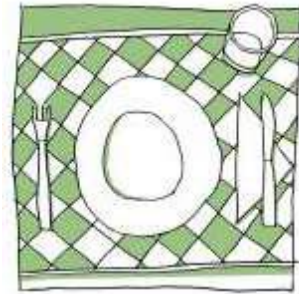


# Communion of Saints

## Home Activity

### Pray the Litany of Saints

The Litany of the Saints is one of the oldest prayers in the Catholic Church. You most likely recite it on All Saints Day, but it is a great prayer for use throughout the year, especially at those times during which we need special guidance or graces. In a special way we pray with the saints in heaven. It is designed to be recited communally, but it can be prayed individually as well – although you are not alone because the communion of saints connects us all.



### Activity – Pray the Litany of Saints

Below is the Litany of Saints prayer and web links if you choose to connect to a video of the Litany of Saints for a visual and music.

If you are reciting it with the family, one person should lead, and everyone else should make the italicized responses. Each response should be recited at the end of each line, until a new response is indicated. It may be wise to shorten the litany if young children are participating. Add your saint to the litany if you don't see him/her included.

### Litany of the Saints

#### Leader

Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, hear us.  
God, the Father of heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God the Holy Spirit,  
Holy Trinity, one God,  
Holy Mary,

#### All

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





Give peace and unity to the whole Christian  
people,  
Bring back to the unity of the Church all  
those who are straying, and bring all  
unbelievers to the light of the Gospel,  
Strengthen and preserve us in your holy  
service,  
Raise our minds to desire the things of  
heaven,  
Reward all our benefactors with eternal  
blessings,  
Deliver our souls from eternal damnation,  
and the souls of our brethren, relatives,  
and benefactors,  
Give and preserve the fruits of the earth,  
Grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,  
That it may please You to hear and heed  
us, Jesus, Son of the Living God,  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of  
the world,  
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the world,  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of  
the world,  
Christ, hear us,  
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

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*Spare us, O Lord!*

*Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

*Have mercy on us.*

*Christ, graciously hear us*

*Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.*

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

### **Web Links:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SIGfHwyC-M>

2008 Youth Rally with Pope Benedict XVI - Litany of the Saints, 5 mins.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKsVf7dR410>

Litany of the Saints with the saint's icon, 2 mins.