

## LITANY OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

Lord have mercy.

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Christ have mercy.

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Christ hear us.

*Christ graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Who didst observe chastity in thy youth,  
Who didst seek Rome by divine guidance,  
Who didst hide so long in the catacombs,  
Who didst receive the Holy Ghost into thy heart,  
Who didst experience such wonderful ecstasies,  
Who didst so lovingly serve the little ones,  
Who didst wash the feet of pilgrims,  
Who didst ardently thirst after martyrdom,  
Who didst distribute the daily word of God,  
Who didst turn so many hearts to God,  
Who didst converse so sweetly with Mary,  
Who didst raise the dead,  
Who didst set up thy houses in all lands,

Holy Mary,

Holy mother of God,

Holy virgin of virgins,

St. Philip,

Vessel of the Holy Ghost,

Child of Mary,

Apostle of Rome,

Counsellor of popes,

Voice of prophecy,

Man of primitive times,

Winning saint,

Hidden hero,

Sweetest of fathers,

Flower of purity,

Martyr of charity,

Heart of fire,

Discerner of spirits,

Choicest of priests,

Mirror of the divine life,

Pattern of humility,

Example of simplicity,

Light of holy joy,

Image of childhood,

Picture of old age,

Director of souls,

Gentle guide of youth,

Patron of thy own,

*pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

*Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

*Have mercy on us.*

Remember thy Congregation,

*which thou hast possessed from the beginning.*

Let us pray

O God, who has exalted blessed Philip, Thy Confessor, in the glory of thy Saints, grant that, as we rejoice in his commemoration, so we may profit by the example of his virtues, through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

This litany was composed by the Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman (1800-1891), who founded the first Oratory in the English speaking world, in Birmingham in 1848.