

A LITURGY FOR USE DURING EXAM TIME

This liturgy has been designed for use by students as they prepare for exams. One person may read the portions in regular font and everyone responds together for portions in bold print. It may also be read by one person. It may be used at any time of the day, or multiple times a day, if so desired.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.

Almighty God,
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking:
Set your servants free
from all anxious thoughts about the future,
give us contentment with your good gifts,
and confirm our faith
that as we seek your kingdom,
you will not let us lack any good thing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Hebrews 13: 5-6

PENITENCE

Like as the hart longs for flowing streams,
so longs my soul for you, O God:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

O send out your light and your truth,
that they may lead me:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

May we come to your altar, O God,
the God of our salvation:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ says to all that truly turn to him:
“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

Matthew 11: 28; John 3: 16

Hear also what Saint Paul says:

“The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

1 Timothy 1: 15

Hear also what Saint John says:

“If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

1 John 2: 1,2

THE PRAYERS

One or more of the following prayers may be said:

A Prayer of the Eastern Church

Be mindful, O Lord, of your people present here before you,
and of those who are absent through age, sickness, or infirmity.
Care for the infants, guide the young, support the aged,
encourage the faint-hearted, collect the scattered,
and bring back the wandering to your fold.

Travel with the voyagers, defend the widows, shield the orphans,
deliver the captives, heal the sick.

Succour all who are in tribulation, necessity, or distress.

Remember for good all those that love us, and those that hate us,
and those that have desired us, unworthy as we are, to pray for them.

And those whom we have forgotten, do you, O Lord, remember.

For you are the helper of the helpless,

the saviour of the lost,

the refuge of the wanderer,

the healer of the sick.

You, who know the need of each one, and has heard their prayer,

grant unto each according to your merciful loving-kindness, and your eternal love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Recollection of the Presence of God

Heavenly Father,

in whom we live and move and have our being:

We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us t

hat in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,

we may never forget your presence

but may remember that we are always walking in your sight,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Guidance

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings,

with your most gracious favour,

and further us with your continual help;

that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you,

we may glorify your holy name,

and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Protection

O God, from whom to be turned is to fall,

to whom to be turned is to rise,

and with whom to stand is to abide forever;

grant us in all our duties your help,

in all our perplexities your guidance,

in all our dangers your protection,

and in all our sorrows your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Illumination

Eternal God, you are the light of the minds that know you,
the joy of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you.
Grant us so to know you,
that we may truly love you, and so to love you
that we may fully serve you,
and to serve you is perfect freedom,
in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

For a Sense of Calm while Waiting for Results

O God, you have given me every good and perfect gift,
and you are generous without finding fault.
Help me to stay calm as I wait for news.
Whatever happens, be with me,
and help me to know the wisdom
that comes from heaven,
through Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen.**

Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. **Amen.**

Additional prayers may be said, ending with The Lord's Prayer.

A CONCLUDING COLLECT

Morning

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
and in all things guide us to know and do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Day

God of peace, you teach us that in returning to you we shall be saved:
By the power of your Spirit lift us to your presence,
where quietness and confidence shall be our strength;
and where we may be still and know that you are God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Night

Lighten our darkness, O Lord, we pray
and in your great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

May the Almighty and merciful God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

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