

# SOLEMN PROCESSION TO AVERT EPIDEMIC

*P:* Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
*All:* Who made heaven and earth.

## Procession

*All:* Rise up, O Lord, and help us, and deliver us for your name's sake.  
*P:* We have heard, O God, with our own ears the things which our fathers told us.  
*All:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
*P:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
*All:* Rise up, O Lord, and help us, and deliver us for your name's sake.

*All kneel (if you are able)*

## The Litany of the Saints

<i>P:</i> Lord, have mercy.	<i>All:</i> Lord, <u>h</u> ave mercy.
<i>P:</i> Christ, have mercy.	<i>All:</i> Christ, <u>h</u> ave mercy.
<i>P:</i> Lord, have mercy.	<i>All:</i> Lord, <u>h</u> ave mercy.
<i>P:</i> Christ, hear us.	<i>All:</i> Christ, graciously <u>h</u> ear us.
<i>P:</i> God, the Father in heaven.	<i>All:</i> Have <u>mercy</u> on us.
<i>P:</i> God, the Son, Redeemer of the world.	<i>All:</i> Have <u>mercy</u> on us.
<i>P:</i> God, the Holy Spirit.	<i>All:</i> Have <u>mercy</u> on us.
<i>P:</i> Holy Trinity, one God.	<i>All:</i> Have <u>mercy</u> on us.
Holy Mary,	<i>All:</i> <u>P</u> ray for us.

*All rise and begin the procession in the proper order. The cross is carried at the head of the procession followed by clergy carrying sacred relics, a deacon carrying the Book of the Gospels, banners or images of saints, then the faithful followed by the remaining members of the clergy, and last of all the priest, vested in violet stole and cope with head covered.*

Holy Mother of God, Holy Virgin of virgins, St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, All holy angels and archangels, All holy orders of blessed spirits,	<i>All:</i> <u>P</u> ray for us. <i>(Repeat after each invocation)</i>
St. John the Baptist, St. Joseph, All holy patriarchs and prophets,	

St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Andrew, St. James, St. John, St. Thomas, St. James, St. Philip, St. Bartholomew,	<i>All:</i> <u>P</u> ray for us. <i>Repeat after each invocation:</i>
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St. Matthew,  
St. Simon,  
St. Thaddeus,  
St. Matthias,  
St. Barnabas,  
St. Luke,  
St. Mark,  
All holy apostles and evangelists,  
All holy disciples of the Lord,  
All holy Innocents,

St. Stephen,  
St. Lawrence,  
St. Vincent,  
SS. Fabian and Sebastian,  
SS. John and Paul,  
SS. Cosmas and Damian,  
SS. Gervase and Protase,  
All holy martyrs,

St. Sylvester,  
St. Gregory,  
St. Ambrose,  
St. Augustine,  
St. Jerome,  
St. Martin,  
St. Nicholas,  
All holy bishops and confessors,  
All holy doctors,

St. Anthony,  
St. Benedict,  
St. Bernard,  
St. Dominic,  
St. Francis,  
All holy priests and levites,  
All holy monks and hermits,

St. Mary Magdalen,  
St. Agatha,  
St. Lucy,  
St. Agnes,  
St. Cecilia,  
St. Catherine,  
St. Anastasia,  
All holy virgins and widows,

*P:* All holy saints of God,  
*P:* Be merciful,  
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*All:* Pray for us. (*Repeat after each invocation*)

*All:* Intercede for us.

*All:* Spare us, O Lord.

*All:* Graciously hear us, O Lord.

From all evil, deliver us, O Lord.  
From all sin,  
From your wrath,  
From sudden and unprovided death,  
From the snares of the devil,  
From anger, hatred, and all ill will,  
From all lewdness,  
From lightning and tempest,  
From the scourge of earthquakes,  
From plague, famine, and war,  
*The priest says again:* From plague, famine, and war,

*All:* Deliver us, O Lord. (*repeat after each invocation*)

From everlasting death,  
By the mystery of your holy incarnation,  
By your coming,  
By your birth,  
By your baptism and holy fasting,  
By your cross and passion,  
By your death and burial,  
By your holy resurrection,  
By your wondrous ascension,  
By the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate,  
On the day of judgment,

We sinners,  
That you spare us,  
That you pardon us,  
That you bring us to true penance,  
That you govern and preserve your holy Church,  
That you preserve our Holy Father and all ranks in the Church in holy religion,  
That you humble the enemies of holy Church,  
That you give peace and true concord to all Christian rulers,  
That you give peace and unity to the whole Christian world,  
That you restore to the unity of the Church all who have strayed from the truth, and lead all unbelievers to the light of the Gospel,

*All:* We beg you hear us. (*Repeat after each invocation*)

That you confirm and preserve us in your holy service,  
That you lift up our minds to heavenly desires,  
That you grant everlasting blessings to all our benefactors,  
That you deliver our souls and the souls of our brethren, relatives, and benefactors from everlasting damnation,  
That you give and preserve the fruits of the earth,  
That you grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,  
That you deliver us from the scourge of pestilence.  
*The priest says again:* That you deliver us from the scourge of pestilence.

*All:* We beg you hear us. (*Repeat*)

That you graciously hear us,  
Son of God,

*P:* Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,  
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*All:* Spare us, O Lord.

*All:* Graciously hear us, O Lord.

P: Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,  
P: Christ, hear us.  
P: Lord, have mercy.  
P: Lord, have mercy.

All: Have mercy on us.  
All: Christ, graciously hear us.  
All: Christ, have mercy.  
*No response is given*

*The Litany is repeated beginning with "Holy Mary," until the procession reaches the destination.*

*When the procession arrives at its destination and the Litany is completed, then all kneel, and the priest removes the biretta and continues:*

*Priest alone* Our Father (*the rest is said by the priest inaudibly until:*)

P: And lead us not into temptation.

All: But deliver us from evil.

### **Penitential Psalm: Psalm 6**

P: Do not call to mind, Lord, our offenses or those of our parents; nor take retribution on our sins.

P: Lord, reprove me not in your anger, nor chastise me in your wrath.

All: Have pity on me, Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, Lord, for my body is in terror;

P: My soul, too, is utterly terrified; but you, O Lord, how long

All: Return, O Lord, save my life; rescue me because of your kindness,

P: For among the dead no one remembers you; in the nether world who gives you thanks?

All: I am wearied with sighing; every night I flood my bed with weeping; I drench my couch with my tears.

P: My eyes are dimmed with sorrow; they have aged because of all my foes.

All: Depart from me, all evildoers, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping;

P: The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord has accepted my prayer.

All: All my enemies shall be put to shame in utter terror; they shall fall back in sudden shame.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

P: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: Happy is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered.

All: Happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

P: As long as I would not speak, my bones wasted away with my groaning all the day.

All: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

P: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, I did not conceal my guilt.

All: I said, "I confess my faults to the Lord," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

P: For this shall every faithful man pray to you in time of stress.

All: Though deep waters overflow, they shall not reach him.

P: You are my shelter; from distress you will preserve me; with glad cries of freedom you will ring me round.

All: I will instruct you and show you the way you should walk; I will counsel you, keeping my eye on you.

P: Be not senseless like horses or mules; with bit and bridle their temper must be curbed, else they will not come near you.

All: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but kindness surrounds him who trusts in the Lord.

P: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

P: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: Do not call to mind, Lord, our offenses or those of our parents; nor take retribution on our sins.

### **Special Invocations Against Pestilence**

*P:* Deal not with us, Lord, as our sins deserve.  
*All:* Nor take vengeance on us for our transgressions.  
*P:* Help us, O God, our Savior.  
*All:* And deliver us, O Lord, for your name's sake.  
*P:* Lord, do not keep in mind our former sins.  
*All:* Let us soon know your compassion, for we are exceedingly poor.  
*P:* St. Sebastian, pray for us.  
*All:* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
*P:* Lord, heed my prayer.  
*All:* And let my cry come unto you.

### **Concluding Prayer**

*All stand.*

*P:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* and with your spirit.

*P:* Let us pray.

Hear us, O God, our Savior, and by the prayers of glorious Mary, Mother of God, and ever a Virgin, of St. Sebastian, your martyr, and of all the saints, deliver your people from your wrath, and in your bounty let them feel certain of your mercy.

Lord, mercifully heed our supplications, and heal our infirmities of body and soul; so that knowing your forgiveness we may ever rejoice in your blessing.

We beg you, Lord, to hear our sincere pleas, and graciously to avert this plague which afflicts us; so that mortal hearts may acknowledge that such scourges come from your wrath and cease only when you are moved to pity; through Christ our Lord.

*All:* Amen.