

# A Litany for Muslims

## *Introduction*

O God, the Father, Creator of all the worlds.

**Have mercy upon us.**

O God, the Son, Redeemer of all mankind.

**Have mercy upon us.**

O God, the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful.

**Have mercy upon us.**

Holy and Blessed Trinity, One God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Ishmael.

**Have mercy upon us.**

## *Confession & Repentance*

For all the injustice we have committed by our words and actions against Muslims.

**Good Lord, forgive us.**

For all the ways we have dehumanized, misrepresented, or oppressed our Muslim neighbors.

**Good Lord, forgive us.**

For all the persecution, prejudice, fear, and racism we have committed against our fellow human beings because of their adherence to Islam.

**Good Lord, forgive us.**

For the pain, sorrow, and anger that centuries of bloodshed and crusades have sown between Christians and Muslims.

**Good Lord, forgive us.**

Remember not, Lord Jesus, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us unto everlasting life.

**Spare us, good Lord.**

## *For the Church & Her Mission*

To awaken a zeal for missions to Muslims in the hearts of all your people.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To send forth laborers into your harvest.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To assist, protect, and sustain all missionaries at home and abroad.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To tear down the walls of fear, hatred, pride, and misunderstandings between Christians and Muslims.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That we may seek peace with our Muslim neighbors, loving them with humility, patience, and truth.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

## *Intercessions During Ramadan*

For Muslims who sincerely desire to know and obey you, draw them by your Spirit into the fullness of truth and love revealed in Jesus Christ.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For those who fast during this Ramadan, seeking to please you: reveal to them that

their hunger is a longing for the Bread of Life, and their thirst a cry for the Living Water.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For those who pray daily, seeking nearness to you, grant that they may encounter the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For those who read the Qur'an with reverence and longing, lead them to the Living Word who opens the Scriptures and the heart.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Especially during the Night of Power, as many watch and pray: grant them dreams and visions of the Lord Jesus, that they may see him as he truly is.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

## *For the Mercy of God & the Conversion of Souls*

For Muslims living amid war, persecution, displacement, or fear, be their refuge and reveal yourself as the Prince of Peace.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For Muslims who encounter Christians, grant that they may meet not pride or hostility, but holiness, humility, and love shaped by the Cross.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For those who secretly question, doubt, or seek beyond what they have been taught, give them courage, wisdom, and faithful guides.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For those who feel the weight of sin, fear judgment, or doubt their standing before you, grant them rest and assurance only in Christ, the Savior, who bore our sins on the Cross.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For those who seek mercy and forgiveness for their sins, disobedience, and forgetfulness, grant them assurance in the fruits of Christ alone, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For Muslims who already sense the call of Christ, strengthen them to follow him, whatever the cost.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For the One who cleanses all through His death and resurrection, reveal to Muslims that through faith in Christ they may be reborn into His Church and inherit eternal life.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For those who will come to faith during this season, prepare their hearts, their paths, and their future in your Church.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**



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That it might please you, O God, to call many Muslims to your inheritance, granting them salvation solely through Christ, the only Mediator and Redeemer.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*For the Church & Her Witness*

Lord, strengthen all the baptized in faith, hope, and love.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Lord, guide and protect all Christians living in Muslim lands, in their lives, witness, and ministry.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Lord, guide and protect all Muslim-background believers in their lives, ministry, and witness to Christ and his Church.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Lord, foster true Christian unity and reconciliation among all who seek to proclaim Christ as he truly is to Muslims.

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Conclusion*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

**Spare us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

**Hear us, O Lord.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

**Have mercy upon us.**

**Our Father**

**Prayer for the Mission of the Church**

O'God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you [most especially Muslims during Ramadan]; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## What is a Litany?

A litany is a form of prayer in which a leader says a series of short prayers and the people respond together with the same words each time, such as "Lord, have mercy." This shared pattern helps the congregation pray with one voice and focus on God's mercy, care, and work in the world. Litanies have been used by Christians since the early Church and are found throughout historic Christian worship, especially prevalent in the Anglican Tradition, as a way for God's people to pray together with humility, repentance, and hope.

## How to use a Litany?

A litany may be used in a church service, a small group, or personal prayer. One person reads the petitions aloud, and the words in bold are spoken by everyone together. These repeated responses help us pray attentively and join our hearts and voices as we ask God to act in our lives and in the world.

## The Zwemer Center

The Zwemer Center for Muslim Studies is an Islamic studies center dedicated to serving the Church through comprehensive research on Islam. It fosters informed dialogue, offers seminars and training, and provides resources to equip Christians for faithful witness and ministry among Muslims. The Center also offers courses and academic programs at Columbia International University, including its flagship degree, the Master of Arts in Muslim-Christian Relations.

Founded within the Lausanne Movement and originally hosted at Fuller Theological Seminary and the U.S. Center for World Mission, the Zwemer Center is now housed at Columbia International University in the School of Missions and International Ministry. It is named in honor of Samuel Zwemer, widely known as the "Apostle to Muslims."



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