There must be no passing of judgment: leave that until the Lord comes—He will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of each heart.

Let the one who is without sin, Cast the first stone.

#### -PAUSE FOR A MOMENT-

V: Jesus, Savior of Dismis,

R: Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, liberator of Barabbas,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, proclaimer of liberty to captives,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, proclaimer of freedom to prisoners,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, model for living,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, model for loving,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, model for suffering,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, model for dying,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, a person kind toward the unkind,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, a person compassionate toward the powerful,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, a person understanding of the insulter,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, a person forgiving of the tormentor,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, a person merciful toward his torturers,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, a servant of the suffering and the Suffering Servant,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

Jesus, a lamb among wolves,

Remember me (us) in your Kingdom.

V: Jesus, remember me in Your Kingdom.

R: I promise you, this day you will be with me in Paradise.

### -PAUSE FOR A MOMENT-

- V: Lamb of God, You who take away the sins of the world,
- R: Spare us, O Lord.
- V: Lamb of God, You who take away the sins of the world,
- R: Graciously hear us, O Lord.
- V: Lamb of God, You who take away the sins of the world,
- R: Have mercy on us.
- V: Let us be attentive.
- R. A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians:

"I, a prisoner in the Lord, implore you therefore to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Abba of all, over all, through all and within all."

# -PAUSE FOR A MOMENT-

V: Let us pray.

R: Christ, eternal Son of God and eternal Brother of all prisoners, help me to live my life in my prison in Your Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Love. Help me to see hostility, meanness and indifference toward me as an opportunity to freely love, live, give and forgive. Help me therefore always to be kind, always to be compassionate and always to be merciful and thereby place Your Love, which is Your Presence and Power, where only I can place it in this universe of immeasurable time, space, misery, mystery, and mercy. Amen.

Through the Mercy of our All Loving God and Savior Jesus Christ may we (I) become Merciful Love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

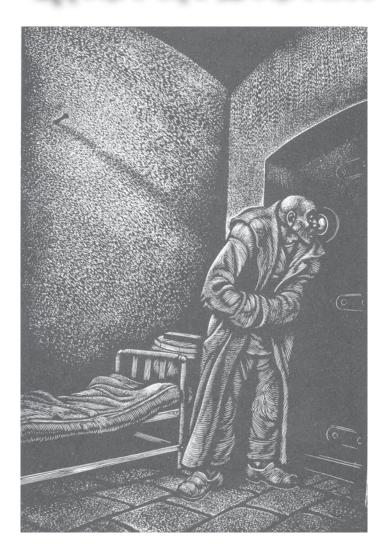
Christ the Prisoner is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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# Litany of Christ the Prisoner



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V: Lord, have mercy.

R: Christ, have mercy.

V: Lord, have mercy. Christ, hear us.

R: Christ graciously hear us.

V: God the Father of heaven.

R: Have mercy on us (me).

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person plotted against,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person captured,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person interrogated,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person jailed,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person tortured,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person prosecuted,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person found guilty by the judicial process,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person judged unrighteous by the virtuous,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person condemned by the people,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person proved wrong by His superiors,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person convicted by the law,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person rendered powerless,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person denounced by the agents of the powerful, Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person stripped of all clothing,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person pushed and shoved,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person insulted,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person ridiculed,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person mocked,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person beaten,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person brutalized,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person taunted,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person tormented,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person tortured,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person humiliated,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person regarded as expendable,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person abandoned,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person abused by His fellow prisoners,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person understood by no one,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person called criminal,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person crushed,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a victim of the state's violence and justice,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a victim of capital punishment,

Have mercy on us.

Christ, a person who failed,

Have mercy on us.

-PAUSE FOR A MOMENT-

V: Blessed are the merciful,

R: For they shall obtain mercy.

Go and learn the meaning of the words, What I want is mercy, not sacrifice.

Be merciful.

As your Heavenly Father is merciful.

# -PAUSE FOR A MOMENT-

V: Christ, Judge of Nations' judges,

R: Forgive them for they know not what to do.

Christ, Judge of the Nations' Pilates,

Forgive them for they know not what to do.

Christ. Judge of the Nations' Caiaphases, Forgive them for they know not what to do.

Christ, Judge of the Nations' Pharisees,

Forgive them for they know not what to do.

Christ, Judge of the Nations' Herods,

Forgive them for they know not what they do.

Christ, Judge of the Nations' Centurions,

Forgive them for they know not what to do. Christ, Judge of the Nations' Caesars,

Forgive them for they know not what to do.

Christ, Judge of the Nations' indifference toward the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned,

Forgive them for they know not what to do.

# -PAUSE FOR A MOMENT-

V: Do not judge,

R: And you will not be judged.

Lord, how often must I forgive? Seven times?

Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-times-seven times.

So no matter who you are, if you pass judgement you have no excuse.

In judging others, you condemn yourself since you behave no differently than those you judge. God condemns that sort of behavior

*impartially.*Forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's or sister's eye and never notice the plank in your own?