

Sample Invocations for the Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

I

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest:

You come in word and in sacrament to strengthen us and make us holy:

Christ, have mercy.

The people reply:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest:

You will come again in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

II

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:
Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest:

You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy.

The people reply:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest:

You are the Word made Flesh, the splendour of the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

III

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to the Father and to one another:

Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest:

You heal the wounds of our sin and division:

Christ, have mercy.

The people reply:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest:

You intercede for us with the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

IV

Lord Jesus, you call your people to turn away from sin:
Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

You teach us wisdom, and write your truth in our inmost heart:
Christ, have mercy.

The people reply:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest:

You forgive sins through the ministry of reconciliation:
Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

Lord Jesus, you were lifted up to draw all people to yourself:
Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest:

You shouldered the cross, to bear our suffering and sinfulness:
Christ, have mercy.

The people reply:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest:

You open for your people the way from death into life:
Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

VI

Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest:

You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth:
Christ, have mercy.

The people reply:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest:

You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life:
Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

VII

Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God:
Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest:

You are the firstborn of all creation:
Christ, have mercy.

The people reply:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest:

You are the head of the body, the Church:
Lord, have mercy.

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.