

Lord Jesus Christ, Have Mercy on Us

This prayer service is best used at the conclusion of Chapters 5 and 6 of *Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry*.

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Leader: We gather together with the prayer that marks us as Christians, the prayer that acclaims our belief in the Triune God.

All: + In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Leader: Let us now acclaim the God whom Jesus revealed, the God of loving relationship, the God who is one and three-in-one—three persons in one God, who *is* love.

Group 1: Amen, Amen. You are Father, the God who loves and sends the Son and the Holy Spirit. You are our Father, our future, and our fulfillment.

Group 2: Amen, Amen. You are Jesus the Son, the God who loves and reveals the Father, who loves and releases the Holy Spirit. You are our savior, our brother, and our Lord.

Group 1: Amen, Amen. You are Holy Spirit, the God who loves and reveals the Father, who loves and fills the Son. You are our comforter, our inspiration, and our guide,

Group 2: Amen, Amen. You are the infinite God, the almighty God—God not *over* us, but God *for* us.

Group 1: Amen, Amen. You are the eternal God, the God before, now, and after—the God beyond all time and all else.

Group 2: Amen, Amen. You are the omnipresent God—God-Always-with-Us—the God who surrounds all, imbues all, and contains all.

Group 1: Amen, Amen. You are the immutable God, unswerving and absolute—the God whose steadfast love for us cannot be moved.

Group 2: Amen, Amen. You are the Holy God, the God who is other—the God who is more than and infinitely greater than all that is.

All: Amen, Amen. You are the intimate God, the indwelling God, the God deep within—the God who has made hearth and home in us. Amen, Amen.

Leader: Gracious God, we thank you for yourself as Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are the triumvirate liaison of love. Who you are shows us how to live in right relationship with you, ourselves, and others. Who you are invites us to live—as you live—as a community of love.

Hymn of Praise

Join in singing or listening to a recording of a hymn such as “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

Prayer to the Sacred Name of Jesus

Leader: Let us draw on the Jesus Prayer to call upon the sacred name as we recall Jesus’s coming and the mission he revealed.

Group 1: Jesus, you are the God we can put our arms around.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.

Group 2: Jesus, you are the savior God, come to reconcile us with the Father.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.

Group 1: Jesus, you are the God who opened our eyes to the immensity of God’s love for us.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.

Group 2: Jesus, you are the God who showed us what holiness is and requires.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.

Group 2: Jesus, you are the God who enables us to share in the nature of God.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us all and hear us now as we pray:

All: I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love you until the last breath of my life. I love you, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving you than live without loving you. I love you, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love you eternally. My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love you, I want my heart to repeat it to you as often as I draw breath. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Amen.