

A Canadian Litany

Leader: We, who are citizens of Canada, humbly ask you, O God, to look upon us with mercy and grace. From Your Word, in the Psalm seventy-two, those who founded our nation took this motto:

All: God shall have Dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

Leader: We thank You, O God, that they recognized that You are over us as a people. We thank You that their descendants, aware of our need of Your assistance, asked you to govern in the affairs of all Canadians,

All: God keep our land.

Leader: We pray, as the apostle Paul directed in his first letter to Timothy, for "all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all goodness and reverence."

Reader 1: We pray for our political leaders, that they may discharge their responsibilities wisely, and in the best interests of all citizens.

All: God keep our land.

Leader: O Lord, You shared the story of the Good Samaritan with Your disciples.

Reader 2 : We pray that You will make us sensitive to the needs of others, to those who are without work, and are unable to care for their loved ones. For all who are ill in body, mind, soul or spirit, send your healing power to restore them. We lift up to you the homeless and the lonely, those who have no one to turn to in their times of trouble.

All: God, come in love and power.

Leader: Lord, you gave our first parents "Dominion over all creation". You entrusted them with the loving care of all nature.

Reader 3: We especially thank you for the incredible beauty that we see across Canada. From the majestic Rockies, tall Douglas firs and the tundra of the high Arctic, to endless fields of golden Prairie wheat and the rocks of the Canadian Shield; from the mighty waters of the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence and Mackenzie rivers to the breathtaking scenery of Prince Edward Island, the Cabot Trail and the fjords of Newfoundland, Canada truly is a beautiful nation. But in today's society, we have forgotten that charge. Help us now to reverse the destruction caused by greed and pollution, restore our environment and help us to always be faithful stewards of Your creation.

Leader: And finally, O Lord, grant that we as Christians may have the courage to proclaim and act upon the Word of God, and share Your love with our fellow Canadians.

Reader 4: May our lives always be a faithful reflection of You, and may everything we say and do be for Your honour and glory.

All: God grant us courage.

Leader: We thank You, O Lord our God, for hearing the prayers of Your faithful people today. All these things we pray today in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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God who created the world in love

Have mercy on us

Jesus who continues to teach us how to love

Have mercy on us

Holy Spirit who flows through us on wings of love

Have mercy on us

By the greatness of your love

Good Lord, deliver us

By your coming in the flesh

Good Lord, deliver us

By your dying for your people

Good Lord, deliver us

By your rising to new life

Good Lord, deliver us

By your gift of the Spirit

Good Lord, deliver us

By the prayers of the whole company of heaven

Draw us to yourself

As you, called Mary to be the Mother of the Lord

Sanctify our wills

As you were glorified in St Marguerite Bourgeoys, compassion of Christ

Lighten our darkness

As you empowered St Marguerite D'Youville, charity of Christ

Give us your grace

As you build up this church by the witness and prayers of the holy men and women of this land

Renew us in faith

As you gave courage to St Jean de Brebeuf and his Companions

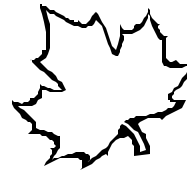
Strengthen our weakness

As you received the worship of Blessed Kateri Tekawitha

Deepen our love

As you advanced your reign through the gentle healing of Blessed Brother André

Fill us with compassion



Guide and protect your Church, fill us all with love and truth, and grant us that unity which is your will

Lord, hear our prayer

Make us bold to preach the Gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations

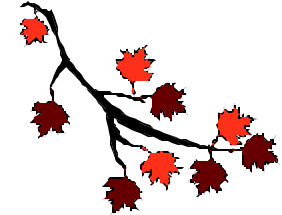
Lord, hear our prayer

Enlighten your ministers of the Gospel with understanding and bless their work

Lord hear our prayer

May they be instruments of your peace, proclaimers of your truth and bearers of your love.

Lord hear our prayer



May the work they began be renewed in this land and continue to prosper. Lord, those who are divided you unite, and those who are united you support.

Help us to live up to the call you have given us, so that we may bear witness to the truth and strive that all believers may be united in the bond of peace and love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from a Scottish Litany
www.angelforce.co.uk/stmichael/litany.html