

Litany No. 1

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Voices in Unison

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| 1 Jesu, we are far away
From the light of heavenly day,
Lost in paths of sin we stray
Lord, in mercy hear us. | 6 Keep us lowly that we may,
Ever watchful, turn away
From the snares our tempters lay:
Lord, in mercy hear us. |
| 2 Deeper has the darkness grown;
Saviour, come to seek Thine own,
Leave, O leave us not alone:
Lord, in mercy hear us. | 7 On our darkness shed Thy light,
Lead our wills to what is right,
Wash our evil nature white:
Lord, in mercy hear us. |
| 3 Thou our great Example art,
Thou canst needful grace impart
To the wayward earth-bound heart:
Lord, in mercy hear us. | 8 May Thy wisdom be our guide,
Comfort, rest, and peace provide
Near to Thy protecting side:
Lord, in mercy hear us. |
| 4 Foolish, weak, and sad we lie;
Guard us with Thy loving eye,
Be our helper, always nigh:
Lord, in mercy hear us. | 9 May the world seem only dross,
May we welcome shame and loss,
Willingly endure the cross:
Lord, in mercy hear us. |
| 5 Help us to bewail our sin,
And, in heavenly strength, begin
Daily victories to win:
Lord, in mercy hear us. | 10 When oppressed with trouble sore,
Teach our hearts to feel the more
For the pangs our Saviour bore:
Lord, in mercy hear us. |

11 May we true devotion feel
To our God, and holy zeal
For our fellow creatures' weal:
Lord, in mercy hear us.

12 May we selfishness deny,
And the body mortify,
Doing deeds of charity:
Lord, in mercy hear us.

13 Make us earnest when we pray,
Diligent from day to day,
Meaning, doing, what we say:
Lord, in mercy hear us.

14 Fix our hearts on things on high,
Let no evil thoughts come nigh,
Purge from sin our memory:
Lord, in mercy hear us.

15 May Thy grace within the soul
Nature's waywardness control,
Guiding towards the heavenly goal:
Lord, in mercy hear us.

16 So at last, from sin set free,
What we long for, may we see,
And for ever blessèd be:
Lord, in mercy hear us. Amen.

Thomas Benson Pollock, 1836 - 96.