

PENITENTIAL LITANY

REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

Descant

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Lead us to act just - ly. Lead us to love ten - der - ly.

Lead us to act Lead us to love ten - der - ly.

Lead us to walk hum - bly. Lord, hear our prayer.

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INTERCESSIONS: Cantor/Choir

A B

D Am D

1. Give us the will to change our lives, and the lives of others,

C A

Em A

1. by charity, good exam - ple and prayer.

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INTERCESSIONS: OPTION 1*

1. A Give us the will to change \ our lives,
B and the \ lives of others,
C by charity, good exam \ ple and prayer.
2. A Make us a living sign of your love for all \ to see:
C people reconciled with you and \ with each other.
3. A Through the sacrament of reconcil \ i-ation
B may we grow \ in your peace
C and seek to spread it through \ out the world.
4. A In this sign of \ your love
B you forgive \ us our sins:
C may it teach us to love others and to forgive
their \ sins a-gainst us.
5. A In your mercy clothe us in the
wedding garment \ of grace
C and welcome us \ to your table.
6. A Forgive us \ our sins,
B lead us in the ways of good \ ness and love,
C and bring us to the reward of
ever \ last-ing peace.
7. A Look on \ our weakness:
B do not be angry \ and con-demn,
C but in your love cleanse, \ guide and save us.
8. A Blot out the sins of \ the past
C and fit us for the life that \ is to come.

INTERCESSIONS: OPTION 2

1. A In your goodness forgive \ our sins
B against the unity \ of your family,
C make us one in heart, \ one in spirit.
2. A Give us pardon for \ our sins,
C and reconciliation \ with your Church.
3. A Cleanse and renew \ your Church, Lord,
C may it grow in strength as a wit \ ness to you.
4. A Touch the hearts of those who have abandon \ ed
through sin \ and scandal,
C call them back to you and keep them
faithful \ in your love.
5. A Lord, our sins \ are many,
B but we trust \ in your mercy,
C call us, and we shall \ turn to you.
6. A Receive us as we come \ be-fore you
B with humble and \ con-trite hearts,
C those who trust in you shall never \ trust in va-
7. A Turn to us, Lord, and show us \ your mercy;
B blot \ out our sins,
C cast them into the depths \ of the sea.
8. A Restore us, Lord, to \ your favor,
B and give us joy \ in your presence,
C may our glory be to serve you with \ all our hearts.

INTERCESSIONS: OPTION 3

1. A You died and rose \ a-gain,
B and sit at the right hand \ of the Father,
C to make interces \ sion for us.
2. A You came from God as our wisdom \ and justice,
C our sanctification \ and re-demption.
3. A You gave yourself up \ for us
B to redeem us from all sin and to prepare
for yourself a \ ho-ly people,
C marked as your own, devoted \ to good works.
4. A Through the Holy Spirit you offered
yourself \ to God
B as a \ spot-less victim,
C cleansing our consciences from \ life-less works.
5. A You invite all who labor and \ are burdened
C to come to you to \ be re-freshed.
6. A You gave your apostles the keys of
the kingdom \ of heaven,
C the power to bind \ and to loose.
7. A Jesus, you are the resurrection \ and life;
C those who believe in you, even if
they are \ dead, will live.
8. A Jesus, \ true vine,
the Father \ prunes your branches
C to make them bear even \ great-er fruit.

INTERCESSIONS: OPTION 4

1. A Healer of body \ and soul,
B bind up the wounds \ of our hearts,
C that our lives may grow \ strong through grace.
2. A Help us to strip ourselves \ of sin,
C and put on the new \ life of grace.
3. A Redeemer of \ the world,
B give us the spirit of penance and a deeper
devotion \ to your passion,
C so that we may have a fuller share
in your \ ris-en glory.
4. A May your Mother, the refuge \ of sinners,
B inter \ cede for us,
and ask you in your goodness to par \ don our sins.
5. A You forgave the woman who re \ pented,
C show us al \ so your mercy.
6. A You brought back the lost sheep on \ your shoulders,
pity us and \ lead us home.
7. A You promised Paradise to the \ good thief,
C take us with you in \ to your Kingdom.
8. A You died for us and rose \ a-gain,
C make us share in your death and \ res-ur-rection.

*Select one of the 4 options available. You may use all the intercessions provided in each option, or choose specific intercessions from the option.