

# 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.

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Chords: D, G, D/A, Bm, F#m7, Bm, A

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

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Chords: D, Bm, F#/A#, Bm, G#ø7, A7sus4, G/D, D

INTERCESSIONS: Cantor/Choir

A

B

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

Chords: D, Am, D

C

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

Chords: Em, A

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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 abandoned you  
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 vain.
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,  
B 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,  
C 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,  
C 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.