

A Litany for a parish anniversary

God the Father,
have mercy on us.

God the Son,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
have mercy on us.

For your love and goodness,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the founders and pioneers of this parish,
for their generous giving and sacrificial service,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the leaders and guides of this parish,
for their spiritual vision and practical skills,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the faithful worshippers of this parish,
for their perseverance and boldness in prayer,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the practical servants of this parish,
for their willing hands and hospitable hearts.
we give you thanks, O God.

For the teachers and carers of this parish,
for the faith they have shared and the lives they have nourished,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the children and young people of this parish,
for the love they have received and the questions they have asked,
we give you thanks, O God.

For *the deacons and priests* of this parish,
for the true worship and thoughtful preaching they have offered,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the people who have found faith through this parish,
for their spiritual gifts and their joy in belonging,
we give you thanks, O God.

For all who have been baptised or confirmed or received as Anglicans,
for the Holy Spirit shining through their lives,
we give you thanks, O God.

For all who have been married here,
for the love kindled in their hearts and homes by Christ's blessing,
we give you thanks, O God.

For all whose earthly life has been remembered here,
for holy examples given, and comfort and peace received,
we give you thanks, O God.

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For this community of *town / suburb / neighbourhood*,
and for the ministry of *St N's* in the years to come,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the least, the last and the outsiders of this neighbourhood
to find a welcome here, in Christ,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the wise, the gifted and the strong of this neighbourhood
to offer their talents here, in Christ's service,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who seek faith in this neighbourhood
to discover the Good News here, in their own language,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who are broken or discouraged in this neighbourhood
to find healing and peace here, in the grace of Christ,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Forgive the sins and failures of our past,
and reveal new possibilities for our future.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Give us the imagination to see a future transformed by faith,
and the will to work towards it with all our strength.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Give us such trust in you, our generous God,
that our own generosity may overflow in your service.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Give us the grace to write new chapters in our unfolding story,
and to be changed by your Spirit as we travel on in hope.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray ...

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