

LITANY FOR COMPANION SYNOD SUNDAY
Sunday, May 15th, 2022

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

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We built the tower of Babel

Have mercy, O God

because we wanted to be gods.

Have mercy, O God

We had only one language then,

Have mercy, O God

But you love variety and diversity,

Have mercy, O God

So you gifted us with a thousand new languages.

Praise be to God!

And when you sent us your Holy Spirit

Praise be to God!

On that holy day of Pentecost

Praise be to God!

You used a thousand languages

Praise be to God!

To share a single truth:

Praise be to God!

You love us more than we can imagine.

Thank you, God!

And so today we give you thanks

Thank you, God!

Thank you for your global church.

Ga la Ma ma!

We say it in Kuwaal

Ga la Ma ma!

Thank you for our partners in Liberia!

Ya la E sei

We say it in Kpelle!

Ya la E sei

Thank you for our partners in Bavaria!

Danke, Gott!

We say it in German!

Danke, Gott!

Empower our partners with wisdom, grace, and love.

Great is Your love!

No matter the color of our skin,

Great is Your love!

No matter the language we speak,

Great is Your love!

We all suffer from sin and death.

Great is Your love!

We all need your mercy.

Great is Your love!

From Würzburg to Monrovia

Great is Your love!

From Ansbach to Gbarnga

Great is Your love!

From Selinsgrove to Kakata

Great is Your love!

From Schweinfurt to Williamsport

Great is Your love!

May we know your mercy, grace, and love.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring an end to poverty.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring an end to hunger.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring an end to thirst.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring an end to homelessness.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring an end to war.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring an end to division.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring an end to slavery.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring an end to sin and death.

According to your grace.

Whatever your saints may ask

According to your grace

Saints in Liberia

According to your grace

Saints in Bavaria

According to your grace

Saints in Pennsylvania

According to your grace

Grant it unto them

According to your grace.

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Father.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Son.

In the name of the Holy Spirit.

In the name of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

Today's litany features phrases and locations from our partner synods: the Lutheran Church in Liberia and the Kirchenkreis Ansbach-Würzburg (Ansbach-Würzburg Lutheran synod in Bavaria). Here is a pronunciation guide to help you as you lead the litany.

Babel	=	BAY-ble <i>or</i> BAB-ble
Bavaria	=	ba-VAIR-ia
Liberia	=	lie-BEER-ia
Würzburg	=	VERTZ-berg
Monrovia	=	mon-ROW-via
Ansbach	=	AHNS-bawk
Gbarnga	=	BARN-ga
Kakata	=	KA-ka-ta
Schweinfurt	=	SHVINE-furt
Kpelle	=	Pellay
Kuwaa	=	coo-WAH

During this litany, the congregation is invited to say "Thank you, God!" in three different languages. You are highly encouraged to practice these phrases with the congregation before the service.

Danke, Gott!	=	DAH-kuh got
Ga la Ma ma!	=	ga LA ma ma
Ya la E sei	=	yah lah EE say