

The Litany of Humility

Do you want to free yourself from anxiety, the fears of rejection and failure, and the need for approval? Do you want to root out the sins of pride, jealousy, and envy in your heart that lead you to judge yourself and others? The Litany of Humility is a powerful prayer that, when prayed fervently and frequently, will lead you to a life of abundant gratitude, a true spirit of humility, and a heart transformed by the merciful and healing love of God.

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O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, *Hear me.*
From the desire of being esteemed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being loved, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being extolled, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being honored, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being praised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being preferred to others, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being consulted, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the desire of being approved, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being humiliated, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being despised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of suffering rebukes, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being calumniated, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being forgotten, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being ridiculed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being wronged, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
From the fear of being suspected, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

That others may be loved more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be esteemed more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be chosen and I set aside, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be praised and I unnoticed, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may be preferred to me in everything, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*
That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

About the Litany of Humility

The Litany of Humility is attributed to Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val (1865-1930), who was Secretary of State to Pope Saint Pius X.

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