

## **A Litany for Ember Days**

God the Father,  
*Have mercy on us.*

God the Son,  
*Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit,  
*Have mercy on us.*

We pray to you, Lord Christ.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming,  
we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who serve at your altar: for acolytes, crucifers, thurifers, vergers, and Eucharistic Ministers,  
we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who serve in the ordering of our worship: for lectors, ushers, greeters, sacristans and members of the Altar Guild,  
we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who lead the Church in song: for singers, instrumentalists, and organists, and for those who share the gift of liturgical dance,  
we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who guide others in living a life of faith: for directors of Christian education, Sunday school teachers, spiritual directors, daycare workers, preschool teachers, nursery attendants, Bible study leaders and mentors,  
we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who offer council to the Church: for wardens, treasurers, members of vestries and Bishop's committees, administrators and secretaries; for those who serve the diocese, province and greater church on committees, commissions and boards,  
we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who tend to your house, that it may be a beautiful place of worship: for sextons, custodians, and groundskeepers; for those who tend the gardens, cut the grass, and shovel the snow,  
we pray to you, O Lord.  
*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who offer themselves in order to serve others in Christ's name: for the Episcopal Church Women, and for those who run the United Thank Offering and the Church Periodical Club; for those who serve on committees, those who give and work for outreach, who prepare meals and refreshment; for those who work at church camps and retreat centers;

we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who give to God from what God has given them: for the business people, teachers, nurses, doctors, missionaries, parents and godparents who strive to live their lives according to your Word and example; for all those who give of their time, talent and treasure for the good of the Church, and in thanksgiving for God's work of salvation, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

*The Presider concludes with this collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*