



MATTHEW 25
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A LITANY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

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Holy God, we pray for [local ministries] and other churches engaged in witnessing and serving the homeless community. Anoint them to be faithful witnesses to Christ and His mercy. Grant them wisdom to know how to effectively befriend and help each individual they come into relationship with.

In your mercy, Lord;
Hear our prayers.

For those living on the streets, whatever the cause, whether family breakdown, addiction, loss of work, rebellion, mental illness, disability, or housing costs, Lord would you intervene and bring healing. Grant the gracious gift of repentance where needed, provide jobs for those seeking work, provide healing in broken families, and provide professional help for the mentally ill.

In your mercy, Lord;
Hear our prayers.

Lord redeem the hearts and futures of those lost and without hope on the streets. Give them the hope of eternal life, and the saving beauty of divine friendship. Grant them also strong and godly relationships.

In your mercy, Lord;
Hear our prayers.

For families broken because they could not afford to pay the rent; for those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in.

In your mercy, Lord;
Hear our prayer.

For the vulnerable on the streets, we ask that you grant them physical protection. Particularly we lift up the women and the young, so often exploited and traumatized. Be their protector Lord.

In your mercy, Lord;
Hear our prayer.

Grant your people the grace to see beyond surface characteristics of those living on the streets, to see their heart and the image of Christ in them. Give us also the courage to be faithful witnesses of your Gospel, and to overcome our own discomfort when interacting with people outside of our own culture and comfort zone.

In your mercy, Lord; **Hear our prayer.**