

# APPENDIX VI

[In the Dioceses of the United States]

## Invocations For The Penitential Act

**Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

### 1. The Priest/Deacon:

- **You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

### The Priest/Deacon:

- **You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.**

The people:

Christ, have mercy. Or: Christe, eleison.

### The Priest/Deacon:

- **You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.**

The people:

Lord, have mercy. Or: Kyrie, eleison.

### 2. The Priest/Deacon:

- **Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people:  
Lord, have mercy.**

### 3. The Priest/Deacon:

- **Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:  
Lord, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.**

### 4. The Priest/Deacon:

- **Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
Christ, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:  
Lord, have mercy.**

**5. The Priest/Deacon:**

- **Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
Christ, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy.**

**6. The Priest/Deacon:**

- **Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:  
Lord, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:  
Christ, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:  
Lord, have mercy.**

**7. The Priest/Deacon:**

- **Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:  
Christ, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:  
Lord, have mercy.**

**8. The Priest/Deacon:**

- **Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:**
- **Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:  
Christ, have mercy.**
- **Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and bring us strength:  
Lord, have mercy.**

**The absolution by the Priest follows:**

**May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins  
and bring us to everlasting life.**

**The people reply:**

**Amen.**