

Four Litanies for PCN

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1.

Leader From a need for regulation and control,
From the need to insulate ourselves from doubt,
From the need to appear invulnerable,
From that need for security which closes our minds:

All **Good Lord, release us.**

Leader From intolerance of the view of other people,
From fear of others people's beliefs,
From fear and rejection of those who are not like us,
From letting our faith hinder our expression of humanity:

All **Good Lord, release us.**

Leader From scepticism of reason and argument,
From disregard of scientific exploration,
From fear of questions and discoveries,
From fear of research and experiment:

All **Good Lord, release us.**

Leader From fear of freedom,
From fear of the responsibility of free will,
From false humility which dishonours your creation,
From hypocrisy and any exaggerated sense of self worth:

All **Good Lord, release us.**

Leader From fear of any challenge to our faith,
From the certainty which blinds us to other possibilities,
From any attempt to claim all truth,
From fear of using our gifts in worship:

All **Good Lord, release us.**

2.

Leader Inspire those who lead, with your vision,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

Leader Guide those who seek to interpret your Word,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

Leader Give strength to those who fight injustice and exploitation,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

Leader Support those who work for peace between peoples,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

Leader Give confidence to those who are afraid of change and challenge,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

Leader Give hope to those whose lives are confused,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

Leader Encourage those who seek to break isolating barriers,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

Leader Give true insight and steadfastness to those who prophesy in your
Church,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

Leader Direct those responsible for developing the Church's teaching,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

Leader Uphold those who seek to express their faith in unconventional
ways,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

Leader Sustain those who seek to support people on the margins of the
Church,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

Leader Fill with your purpose those who seek to follow you when their
path is unclear,
All **Lord, hear us and help us**

3

Leader Reflecting on your creation
Help us to honour its diversity and potential.

All **In you we trust, O Lord.**

Leader: Reflecting on the sacrifice offered by Jesus Christ,
Help us to so to live our lives that others may fulfil theirs.

All **In you we trust, O Lord.**

Leader Reflecting on the agonising and death of Jesus Christ,
Help us to support those who face desperate dilemmas or
debilitating doubt.

All **In you we trust, O Lord.**

Leader: Reflecting on the redemption offered to us,
Help us to be ready to forgive and accept.

All **In you we trust, O Lord.**

Leader Reflecting on the gift of the Holy Spirit,
Help us to allow the Spirit to stimulate and challenge us.

All **In you we trust, O Lord.**

Leader Reflecting on the promise of Salvation,
Help us to open your Church to rejoice wherever there is new life.

All **In you we trust, O Lord.**

Leader Reflecting on the promise of eternal life,
Help us to recognise the different pathways to fulfilment.

All **In you we trust, O Lord.**

4.

Leader That you meet us where we are,

All **We give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader For the gifts of imagination and curiosity,

All For the joy of discovery,
We give thanks, O Lord.

Leader For the diversity of your creation,
For the richness of the universe,
All **We give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader For the wonders of science,
For the unseen in space and under the microscopic,
All **We give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader For the balances of nature,
For the miracles of evolution and change,
All **We give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader For the multiplicity of peoples,
For the many ways in which you reveal yourself to us,
All **We give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader To God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer
Giver of hope and comfort,
Challenger and Saviour,
All **We give thanks, now and always. Amen**

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