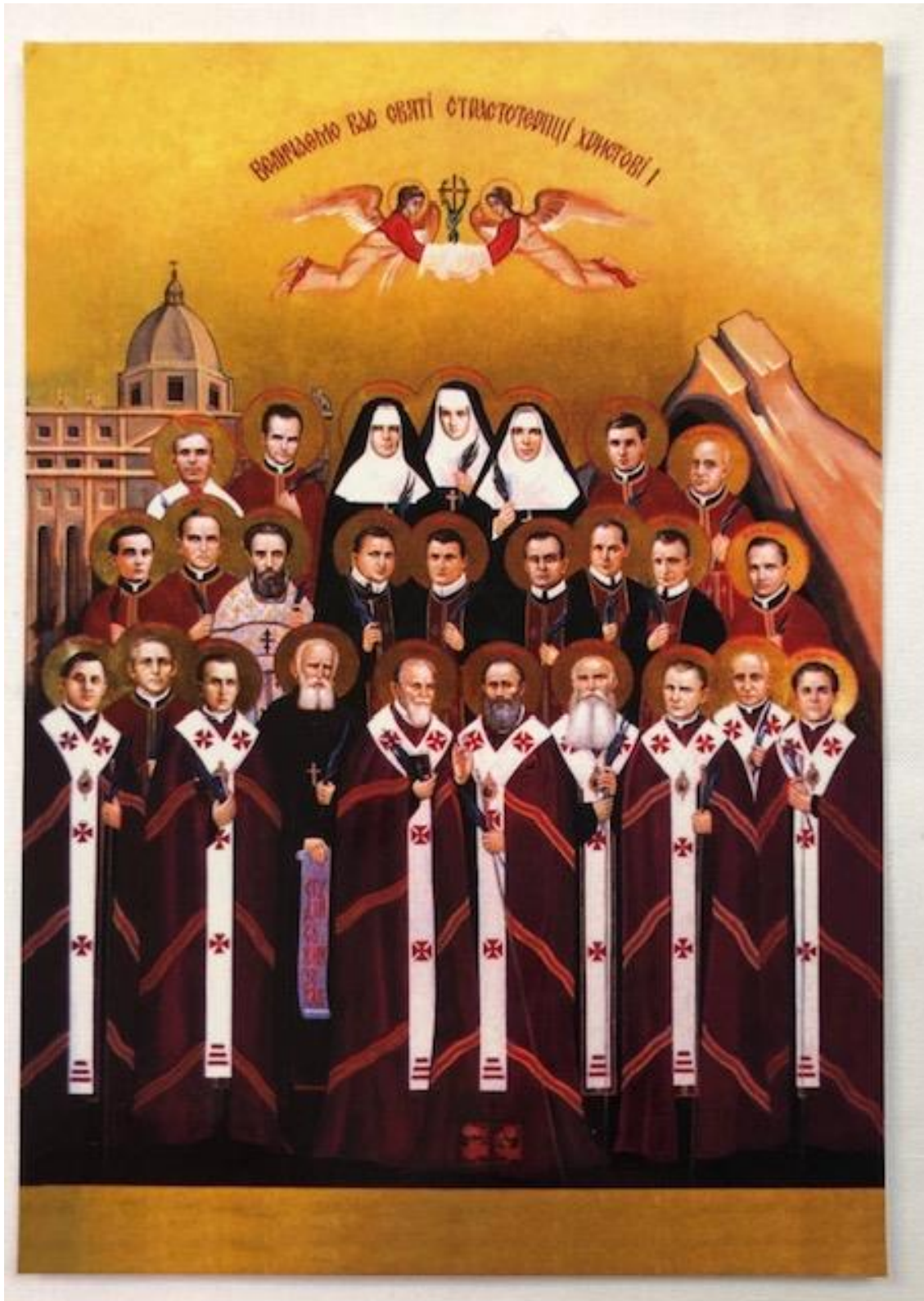# Litany for Peace in Times of Trouble

The New Martyrs of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church

A Litany For Peace in Troubled Times

God the Father, **have mercy on us.**
God the Son, **have mercy on us.**
God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**
Holy and blessed Trinity, one God, **have mercy on us.**
In these days of trouble, fear and sorrow, **have mercy on us.**
In our despair at the violence that seems to fill the world, **have mercy on us.**
In the pain of lost life and shattered hopes, **have mercy on us.**
In our grieving for those who have died, **have mercy on us.**
In our compassion for all who are bereaved, **have mercy on us.**

From the history of violence that corrupts every society and our own,
O Lord, deliver us.
From the greed and injustice that divide the world into rich and poor,
O Lord, deliver us.
From the urge for revenge that adds to the cycle of violence,
O Lord, deliver us.
From the fear that grows into hatred for people who are different,
O Lord, deliver us.
From being too quick to attribute blame and demand retribution,
O Lord, deliver us.
From believing ourselves safe through anything other than your grace,
O Lord, deliver us.
From dying suddenly and unprepared, **O Lord, deliver us.**

For those who plan and carry out acts of violence, **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For all who seek justice and ensure the rule of law, **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For the victims of war and terrorism everywhere on earth, **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For all who live in fear, and for refugees from violent regimes,
Lord, hear our prayer.
For courage to resist demonizing and dehumanizing others,
Lord, hear our prayer.
For wisdom in choosing the paths of peace, **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For solidarity with the suffering of the dispossessed, **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For generosity in sharing fairly the world's resources, **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For respect in conversation with people of other faiths, and none,
Lord, hear our prayer.
For honesty in knowing and confessing the sin in our own hearts,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For grace to change and be changed as you forgive us, **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For rescue workers and medical teams, treating those injured in conflict zones,
Lord, hear our prayer.
For aid agencies and their workers, responding with practical care in dangerous
places, **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For the leaders of all nations, looking for ways to work together beyond fear and
suspicion, **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For people of good will, responding generously to the needs of suffering
communities, **Lord, hear our prayer.**
For all who have friends and family involved in areas of conflict and disaster,
Lord, hear our prayer.
For communities that are terrified by missiles, snipers, vigilantes or death squads,
Lord, hear our prayer.
For the vulnerable and defenseless in conflict zones, for the children, the elderly,
the disabled, the sick: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Christ to bring all peoples of the world into one flock with one shepherd,
we pray to you, O God.
For Christ to bring healing and comfort for those we love who are sick or in
mourning, **we pray to you, O God.**
For Christ to lead us into the paths of peace, writing the law of love on our hearts,
we pray to you, O God.
For Christ to bring us, with all who have died in faith, to a joyful resurrection, **we
pray to you, O God.**

Let us pray.

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world!
You sent Your Son, the Prince of Peace, for the salvation of the world.
We pray that the peace of Christ will reign in Ukraine.
Protect and send aid to those in Ukraine and all who are at risk.

We pray for peace—we pray for all who are working towards it and for all who are
        in danger from this conflict.
We pray for an end to violence and war—we pray for wisdom for all leaders who have a
hand in this.
Lord God, please help those in most need of thy mercy.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, **pray for us!**
Saint Joseph, Protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church, **pray for us!**
Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, may your kingdom reign in Ukraine and all the world.**Amen.**

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On 27 July 2001, at Lviv, Saint Pope John Paul II beatified Bishop Mykola Charnetskyy and twenty-four companions who were martyred during the decades of suppression of the Ukrainian Catholic Church by the Soviet state following 1945. The modern Ukrainian martyrs included bishops, priests, religious, and also lay faithful.