

Special Liturgy Petition – Litany of Fervent Supplication

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, You shared Your whole life in order to redeem us. You have said “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” As we fast and prepare to celebrate Your life-giving manifestation, we pray especially that our respect for life will prevail in the world. Directed by Your command to care for “the least of these,” may we and all people heed Your call to show care and concern for life in the womb; for the lives of the poor, oppressed, and suffering; and for the lives of the sick, the elderly, and the dying. May Your peace reign in our hearts and throughout world, especially in places of unrest, so that the shedding of blood in warfare, violence, terrorism, tyranny, and all manner of strife may come to an end. May aggression between neighbors and nations fade away. May love reign in the lives of families. May we become partakers of Your abundant life, together with all the saints whose lives have pleased You from the beginning. We pray to You, O life-giving Lord, to hear us and have mercy!

All: Lord Have Mercy (3)

