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**KYRIE ELEISON, kiria elayeezon, Κύριε ἐλέησόν,**

**LORD HAVE MERCY**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4r8v8daJ4RA> (Neville Mariner) The Kyrie from the Nelson Mass by Haydn.

Wikipedia, *Kyrie*, says:

The prayer, *Kýrie, eléison*, "Lord, have mercy" derives from a Biblical phrase. Greek ἐλέησόν με κύριε, 'have mercy on me, [Lord](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lord)', is the [Septuagint](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Septuagint) translation of the phrase חָנֵּנִי יְהוָה often found in the [Psalms](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalms) ([6](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_6):2, [9](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_9):13, [31](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_31):9, [86](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_86):3, and [123](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psalm_123):3).

In the [New Testament](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Testament), the Greek phrase occurs three times in [Matthew](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gospel_of_Matthew):

* [Matthew 15](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthew_15):22: the [Canaanite woman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exorcism_of_the_Syrophoenician_woman%27s_daughter) cries out to Jesus, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David." (Ἐλέησόν με κύριε υἱὲ Δαβίδ)
* Matthew 17:15: "Lord, have mercy on my son" (Κύριε ἐλέησόν μου τὸν υἱόν)
* Matthew 20:30: two unnamed blind men call out to Jesus, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David." (Ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς κύριε υἱὸς Δαβίδ)

 Since 1549, [Anglicans](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anglicanism) have normally sung or said the *Kyrie* in English. In the 1552 [*Book of Common Prayer*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Common_Prayer), the *Kyrie* was inserted into a recitation of the [Ten Commandments](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ten_Commandments). Modern revisions of the Prayer Book have restored the option of using the *Kyrie* without the Commandments. Other denominations, such as [Lutheranism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lutheranism), also use *Kýrie, eléison* in their liturgies.

In the [Tridentine Mass](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tridentine_Mass) form of the [Roman Rite](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Rite), *Kýrie, eléison* is sung or said three times, followed by a threefold *Christe, eléison* and by another threefold *Kýrie, eléison*. Collectively, the nine invocations are said to unite the petitions of the faithful to those of the nine choirs of angels in heaven.