**APPENDIX VI**

[In the Dioceses of the United States]

**SAMPLE INVOCATIONS FOR THE PENITENTIAL ACT**

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

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest or a Deacon or another minister, then may use one of the following invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

**I**

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God’s kingdom:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:**

**Christ, have mercy.**

The people:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest or Deacon follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins**

**and bring us to everlasting life.**

The people reply:

Amen.

**II**

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God and Son of Mary:**

**Christ, have mercy.**

The people:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest or Deacon follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins**

**and bring us to everlasting life.**

The people reply:

Amen.

**III**

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:**

**Christ, have mercy.**

The people:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest or Deacon follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins**

**and bring us to everlasting life.**

The people reply:

Amen.

**IV**

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner:**

**Christ, have mercy.**

The people:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you bring light to those in darkness:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest or Deacon follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins**

**and bring us to everlasting life.**

The people reply:

Amen.

**V**

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:**

**Christ, have mercy.**

The people:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest or Deacon follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins**

**and bring us to everlasting life.**

The people reply:

Amen.

**VI**

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:**

**Christ, have mercy.**

The people:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest or Deacon follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins**

**and bring us to everlasting life.**

The people reply:

Amen.

**VII**

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people reply:

Lord, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:**

**Christ, have mercy.**

The people:

Christ, have mercy.

The Priest or Deacon:

**Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and bring us strength:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The people:

Lord, have mercy.

The absolution by the Priest or Deacon follows:

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins**

**and bring us to everlasting life.**

The people reply:

Amen.