



CHURCH ON THE LIVING EDGE

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**Guide To Prayer:  
Prayers Both Ancient And  
Contemporary**

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## Penitential Prayers

“O Lord and Master of my life take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power, and idle talk. Instead, give to me, Your servant, the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love. Yes, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own faults and not to judge my brother, for You are Blessed from all ages to all ages.” Amen. – St. Ephraim The Syrian

Father of mercy, like the prodigal son I return to you and say: "I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child."  
Christ Jesus, Savior of the world, I pray with the repentant thief to whom you promised Paradise: "Lord, remember me in your kingdom."  
Holy Spirit, fountain of love, I call on you with trust: "Purify my heart and help me to walk as a child of light."

O God, the husbandman of all good trees and fruit, make fruitful my barren mind in Thy compassion. *Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.* O Christ rouse my soul, heavy with the short sleep of heedlessness, to the vigilance of repentance, for it to execute Thine ordinances. *Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.* O Jesus, on the dread day show me not blameworthy, but, turning me back before the end, deliver me from grievous chastisement.

*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.* O Word, that crafty minded one, the adversary, as he looks at me, at all times stripped and made poor by my slothfulness, is of good cheer. O Lord of glory, who makes rich the needy, pluck me from his evildoing. *Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.* O Lord, I have made my hands and eyes filthy by mine acts, and have done what is unseemly, moving Thy mercy to wrath and wasting Thy longsuffering. Look upon me, then, and take pity, O good Lord.

O Savior disperse the mists of my soul and enlighten me with the light of Thy commandments, as Thou alone are the King of peace. *Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.* To sin do I senselessly join sin, and there is no upward inclination in my death. Woe is me! How shall I appear to Christ? *Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.* Suffering shipwreck like a boat, I have lost my load that Thou hast given me, O merciful One, and now I cry in need; Abhor me not, O Christ

I am held fast, Savior, in the depth of sin and overwhelmed by the sea of life: but as Thou has brought out Jonah from the belly of the whale, bring me out from the passions and save me.

*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.* I cry unto Thee, O Savior, as in olden days the woman of Canaan cried: O Son of God, having mercy on me, take pity. For I have a soul that suffers grievously, and of its own will does not choose to come to its senses.

*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.*

A wave of immeasurable passions troubles me. As Thou didst once rebuke the sea and save the holy disciples, lead me up also, O Jesus, and preserve me, O Christ.

As the cherubim in heaven, the children sang together in the furnace: Blessed art Thou, O God, for in truth and judgment hast Thou brought all these things upon us because of our sins; and Thou art praised above all and glorified forever.

*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.*

I have denied Thy laws and been obedient to unreasonable desires and done things that amount to nothing, O Christ. For I have acted more foolishly in my senselessness than any other man on earth. O Savior, through love for mankind, let me not perish.

*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.*

As David cried, O Lord: I have been conceived in sin; and as the harlot I weep; and as the provoking servant have, I provoked Thee, who are the only good God. O Savior, through love for mankind, let me not perish.

## **Prayers of Repentance**

### *Prayer I*

*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.*

That Thou mightiest make us godlike, in Thy mercy Thou hast taken flesh. And I understood this not at all, as I was servant to lusts. In Thy kindness, O Christ, turn me back, Thou salvation of all.

*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.*

Thou art the Good Shepherd, turn back my wretched soul astray upon the mountain of transgression, and save me, lest the deceiving enemy entirely tear me apart.

*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.*

O how fearful is Thy judgement seat, before which I expect to be judged! Yet spending the whole time in slothfulness, I in no way feel the dread thereof. Turn me back, O only Artificer, who hast turned back Manasseh who transgressed.

*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me.*

I cry aloud to Thee, O Christ: Check the streams of my ills and give me floods of tears to wash away the filth that comes from my foolishness. And do Thou, who in Thy mercy hast saved the harlot who repented with her whole soul, save me.

### *Prayer II*

O Sovereign Master, who loves humankind, lead me in thy way, that I may walk in thy truth. Make glad my heart, that I may fear thy Holy Name. O Lord, mighty in mercy, gracious in strength, aid and comfort and save me, as I put my trust in thy holy Name. Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy displeasure, neither punish me in thy wrath, but show unto me thy great mercy and compassion, O Physician and Healer of my soul. O Merciful Savior blot out all my transgressions, for I am heartily sorry for having offended thee. Grant me thy Grace that I may avoid my previous evil ways. Strengthen me, O Mighty One, to withstand those temptations before which I am weak, that I may avoid all future sin. Keep me under thy protection and in the shadow of thy wings, that I may serve thee, praise thee, and glorify thee all the days of my life. **Amen.**

### *Prayer III*

O Lord God of my salvation, the Savior and Benefactor of my soul, I am truly sorry for my every transgression and I firmly resolve never again to offend thee by my sins, and sincerely promise to amend my way of life. Implant in me the fear of thy blessed commandments, that I may trample down all carnal appetite and may lead a godly life, both thinking and doing always such things as are pleasing unto Thee. I pray thee, grant unto me the Grace of thy Holy Spirit, that thus strengthened, I may shun all evil deeds and works, and words and thoughts, and may avoid all snares of the Evil One. Shine in my heart with the true Sun of thy Righteousness; enlighten my mind and guard all my senses, that walking uprightly in the way of thy statutes, I may attain unto life eternal. **Amen.**

#### *Prayer IV*

God, my good and loving Lord, I acknowledge all the sins which I have committed every day in my life, whether in thought, word or deed. I ask for forgiveness from the depths of my heart for offending You and others and repent of my old ways. Help me by Your grace to change, to sin no more and to walk in the way of righteousness and to praise and glorify Your Name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. O Lord my God, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. I have also omitted to do what Your holy law requires of me. But now with repentance and contrition I turn again to Your love and mercy. I entreat You to forgive me all my transgressions and to cleanse me from all my sins. Lord, fill my heart with the light of Your truth. Strengthen my will by Your grace. Teach me both to desire and to do only what pleases You. **Amen.**

#### *Prayer V*

God, You do not deny Your mercy to the sinners who call upon You. By Your compassion spare us from punishments and the rods of wrath. To praise You for Your mercy, grant us joyful months and prosperous years. By glorious sign of Your cross guard us from the evil. Lord, may we not be silent from praising you and withdrawn from glorifying You. Lord, do not judge us according to Your righteousness. We confess that we are sinners. If You judge us according to our sins, we cannot hope eternal life and cannot plead before You and shall inherit fiery hell. Therefore, according to Your mercy pardon and forgive our sins. Lord, when You judge us, let our sins not conceal us. When the righteous garb in glory, may we not be naked at the judgment. We confess that we have fallen in sin, extend Your hand unto us that we may stand again. O compassionate One, who opens the door to all those who repent, have mercy on us as You forgave the thief on Cross at Your side. **Amen.**

*Prayer VI*

Thou didst receive the Prodigal and the thief who repented, O Savior. I alone have been weighed down by sinful laziness and submitted to evil deeds. Is this what thou didst want my sinful soul?

Beholding the Sea of Life raging with the storm of temptations, I have fled to Thy calm haven and cry to Thee: Deliver my life from destruction, O Most-merciful One!

*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me!* I have lived my life on earth prodigally and committed my soul to darkness. Now, O Merciful Master, I pray free me from the Enemy's labor and give me the intelligence to do Thy will.

*Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me!* Who doeth what I do? As a pig wallows in mud, so do I serve sin! Pull me out of this mire, Lord, and give me the heart to accomplish Thy commandments.

God, my good and loving Lord, I acknowledge all the sins which I have committed every day in my life, whether in thought, word or deed. I ask for forgiveness from the depths of my heart for offending You and others and repent of my old ways. Help me by Your grace to change, to sin no more and to walk in the way of righteousness and to praise and glorify Your Name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Prayer VII*

O Lord my God, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. I have also omitted to do what Your holy law requires of me. But now with repentance and contrition I turn again to Your love and mercy. I entreat You to forgive me all my transgressions and to cleanse me from all my sins. Lord, fill my heart with the light of Your truth. Strengthen my will by Your grace. Teach me both to desire and to do only what pleases You. **Amen.**

*Prayer VIII*

Remit absolve and forgive, O God, all our voluntary and involuntary sins, in word and in deed, in knowledge and in ignorance, in the day or in the night, in mind and in thought! Forgive us everything, for You are good and love humankind.

*Hymn of repentance*

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us; for laying aside all excuse, we sinners offer to Thee, as to our Master, this supplication: Have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

O Lord have mercy on us, for in Thee have we put our trust. Do not be angry with us, nor remember our iniquities, but look down on us even now, since Thou art compassionate, and deliver us from our enemies. For Thou art our God, and we are Thy people; we are all the work of Thy hands, and we call on Thy name.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

*Psalm 51*

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
because of your unfailing love.

Because of your great compassion,  
blot out the stain of my sins.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me clean from my guilt.  
Purify me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I recognize my rebellion;  
it haunts me day and night.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;  
I have done what is evil in your sight.  
You will be proved right in what you say,  
and your judgment against me is just.

<sup>5</sup> For I was born a sinner—  
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

- <sup>6</sup> But you desire honesty from the womb,  
teaching me wisdom even there.
- <sup>7</sup> Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Oh, give me back my joy again;  
you have broken me —  
now let me rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Don't keep looking at my sins.  
Remove the stain of my guilt.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
Renew a loyal spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not banish me from your presence,  
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and make me willing to obey you.
- <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach your ways to rebels,  
and they will return to you.
- <sup>14</sup> Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves;  
then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.
- <sup>15</sup> Unseal my lips, O Lord,  
that my mouth may praise you.
- <sup>16</sup> You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one.  
You do not want a burnt offering.
- <sup>17</sup> The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.  
You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.
- <sup>18</sup> Look with favor on Zion and help her;  
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
- <sup>19</sup> Then you will be pleased with sacrifices offered in the right spirit —  
with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings.  
Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar.

## **Prayers For The Hours Of The Day**

*Prayer Upon Awakening:*

*Prayer I*

*Father, in Your goodness  
grant me the intellect to comprehend You,  
the perception to discern You,  
and the reason to appreciate You.*

*In Your kindness  
endow me with the diligence to look for You,  
the wisdom, to discover You,  
and the spirit to apprehend You.*

*In Your graciousness  
bestow on me a heart to contemplate You,  
ears to hear You,  
eyes to see You,  
and a tongue to speak of You.*

*In Your mercy to confer on me  
a conversation pleasing to You,  
the patience to wait for You,  
and the perseverance to long for You.*

*Grant me a perfect end, Your holy presence. I ask this in the name of Your Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

### *Prayer II*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. **Amen.**

### *Prayer III*

Having risen from sleep, I thank Thee, the Holy Trinity. In the abundance of Thy kindness and long patience, Thou hast not been angry with me for my laziness and sinfulness, nor hast Thou destroyed me in my lawlessness. Instead, in Thy usual love for mankind, Thou hast raised me as I lay in despair, that I might rise early and glorify Thy Reign. Enlighten now the eyes of my mind and open my lips, that I might learn of Thy words, understand Thy commandments, accomplish Thy will, hymn Thee in heart-felt confession and praise Thine all-holy name, the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

Come! Let us worship God, our King!

Come! Let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God!

Come! Let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

*St. Patrick's Breastplate (Written 433 AD)*

I arise today Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through belief in the Threeness, Through confession of the Oneness of the  
Creator of creation.

I arise today Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,  
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial, Through the  
strength of His resurrection with His ascension, Through the strength of  
His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today Through the strength of the love of cherubim, In the  
obedience of angels, In the service of archangels, In the hope of  
resurrection to meet with reward, In the prayers of patriarchs, In the  
predictions of prophets, In the preaching of apostles, In the faith of  
confessors, In the innocence of holy virgins, In the deeds of righteous  
men.

I arise today, through The strength of heaven, The light of the sun, The  
radiance of the moon, The splendor of fire, The speed of lightning, The  
swiftness of wind, The depth of the sea, The stability of the earth, The  
firmness of rock.

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold  
me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to  
hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's  
shield to protect me, God's host to save me From snares of devils, From  
temptation of vices, From everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near.

I summon today

All these powers between me and those evils, Against every cruel and merciless power that may oppose my body and soul, Against incantations of false prophets, Against black laws of pagandom, Against false laws of heretics, Against craft of idolatry, Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards, Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul; Christ to shield me today Against poison, against burning, Against drowning, against wounding, So that there may come to me an abundance of reward.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today

Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through belief in the Threeness,  
Through confession of the Oneness  
of the Creator of creation.

*Morning Prayer*

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, who art everywhere present and fills all things, Treasury of good things, and Giver of Life: Come and abide in us, cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master pardon our transgressions. Holy One, look upon and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ have mercy.*

Lord have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. Amen.

*O Lord open our lips; And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. O God make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Praise the Lord. The Lord's Name be praised.*

## *Psalm 95*

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> Let us come to him with thanksgiving.

Let us sing psalms of praise to him.

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God,

a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> He holds in his hands the depths of the earth

and the mightiest mountains.

<sup>5</sup> The sea belongs to him, for he made it.

His hands formed the dry land, too.

<sup>6</sup> Come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord our maker,

<sup>7</sup> for he is our God.

We are the people he watches over,

the flock under his care.

If only you would listen to his voice today!

<sup>8</sup> The Lord says, "Don't harden your hearts as Israel did at Meribah,  
as they did at Massah in the wilderness.

<sup>9</sup> For there your ancestors tested and tried my patience,  
even though they saw everything I did.

<sup>10</sup> For forty years I was angry with them, and I said,

'They are a people whose hearts turn away from me.

They refuse to do what I tell them.'

<sup>11</sup> So in my anger I took an oath:

'They will never enter my place of rest.'"

*Psalm 100*

<sup>1</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing with joy.

<sup>3</sup> Acknowledge that the Lord is God!

He made us, and we are his.<sup>[a]</sup>

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good.

His unfailing love continues forever,

and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

***1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8; ROMANS 6:9-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-22***

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

therefore, let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,

the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death,

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,

so also, in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Glory be to the father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

*Morning Prayer*

O Lord grant that I may meet all that this coming day brings to me with spiritual tranquility. Grant that I may fully surrender myself to Thy holy will. At every hour of this day, direct and support me in all things. Whatsoever news may reach me in the course of the day, teach me to accept it with a calm soul and the firm conviction that all is subject to Thy holy will. Direct my thoughts and feelings in all my words and actions. In all unexpected occurrences, do not let me forget that all is sent down from Thee. Grant that I may deal straightforwardly and wisely with everyone I encounter, neither embarrassing nor saddening anyone. O Lord grant me the strength to endure the fatigue of the coming day and all the events that take place during it. Direct my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to be patient, to forgive, and to love. **Amen.**

### *The Sacrifice Of Praise*

We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord;  
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*A Song Of Praise (Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34)*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;

we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

*Luke 1:68-79*

<sup>68</sup> “Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has visited and redeemed his people.  
<sup>69</sup> He has sent us a mighty Savior  
from the royal line of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> just as he promised  
through his holy prophets long ago.  
<sup>71</sup> Now we will be saved from our enemies  
and from all who hate us.  
<sup>72</sup> He has been merciful to our ancestors  
by remembering his sacred covenant—  
<sup>73</sup> the covenant he swore with an oath  
to our ancestor Abraham.  
<sup>74</sup> We have been rescued from our enemies  
so we can serve God without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness  
for as long as we live.  
<sup>76</sup> “And you, my little son,  
will be called the prophet of the Most High,  
because you will prepare the way for the Lord.  
<sup>77</sup> You will tell his people how to find salvation  
through forgiveness of their sins.  
<sup>78</sup> Because of God’s tender mercy,  
the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us,  
<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide us to the path of peace.”

*The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### *Morning Prayer*

*We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting. To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein. To thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee. The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee; The Father : of an infinite Majesty; Thine honorable, true : and only Son; Also, the Holy Ghost : the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father. When thou took upon Yourself to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou had overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sits at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting. O Lord save thy people : and bless thine heritage. Govern them : and lift them up for ever. Day by day : we magnify thee; And we worship thy Name : ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin. O Lord have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us. O Lord let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.*

Lord Jesus Christ, as we begin this day, I am mindful that you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us, your people, in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.  
**Amen.**

*Prayers of the Sixth Hour (noon)*

O Lord who, on the sixth day and at the sixth hour, did nail to the cross Adam's daring sin in Paradise, tear asunder also the handwriting of our sins, O Christ God, and save us.

Glory to the Father, and the Son and the Spirit.

Now and ever unto the ages of ages. **Amen**

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the Cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

Almighty Savior, who at mid-day called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Father of all mercies, you revealed your boundless compassion to your apostle Saint Peter in a three-fold vision: Forgive our unbelief, we pray, and so strengthen our hearts and enkindle our zeal, that we may fervently desire the salvation of all people, and diligently labor in the extension of your kingdom; through him who gave himself for the life of the world, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his Cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### *Psalm 119 Nun*

- <sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to guide my feet  
and a light for my path.
- <sup>106</sup> I've promised it once, and I'll promise it again:  
I will obey your righteous regulations.
- <sup>107</sup> I have suffered much, O Lord;  
restore my life again as you promised.
- <sup>108</sup> Lord, accept my offering of praise,  
and teach me your regulations.
- <sup>109</sup> My life constantly hangs in the balance,  
but I will not stop obeying your instructions.
- <sup>110</sup> The wicked have set their traps for me,  
but I will not turn from your commandments.
- <sup>111</sup> Your laws are my treasure;  
they are my heart's delight.
- <sup>112</sup> I am determined to keep your decrees  
to the very end.

### *Psalm 121*

- <sup>1</sup> I look up to the mountains —  
does my help come from there?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth!
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let you stumble;  
the one who watches over you will not slumber.
- <sup>4</sup> Indeed, he who watches over Israel  
never slumbers or sleeps.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you!  
The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade.
- <sup>6</sup> The sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon at night.
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord keeps you from all harm  
and watches over your life.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go,  
both now and forever.

*Prayers of the Ninth Hour (3:00 p.m.)*

O Lord who at the ninth hour for our sake did taste of death in the flesh, mortify the presumption of our flesh, O Christ God, and save us. Glory to the Father, and the Son and the Spirit. Now and ever unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

You who at every season and every hour, in Heaven and on earth art worshiped and glorified, O Christ God; long-suffering, merciful and compassionate; Who loves the just and shows mercy upon the sinner; Who calls all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come. O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications, and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls. Purify our bodies. Correct our minds; cleanse our thoughts; and deliver us from all tribulations, evil, and distress. Surround us with Your holy angels, that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. For You are blessed unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

O Christ our God, at the ninth hour You tasted death in the flesh for our sake: mortify the rebellion of our flesh and save us! In the midst of two thieves, Your Cross was revealed as the balance-beam of righteousness. For while the one was led down to hell by the burden of blaspheming, the other was lightened of his sins to the knowledge of things divine. O Christ our God, glory to You! O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, You have led us to the present hour, in which, as You hung upon the life-giving Tree, You made a way into Paradise for the penitent thief, and by death destroyed death. Cleanse us, Your unworthy servants, for we fall into sin continuously and are not worthy to lift up our eyes and look upon the heights of heaven. Forgive us for departing from the path of righteousness and following the desires of our own hearts. We implore Your unending goodness: Spare us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Your mercies, and save us for Your holy name's sake, for our days are passing away in vanity. Take us from the hand of the adversary and forgive our sins and mortify in us all impure thoughts. Help us to lay aside our old ways so that we may be clothed with new resolve and may dedicate our lives to You, our Master and Benefactor, so that by following Your commandments, we may come to the eternal rest which is the abode of all those who rejoice.

For You are the true joy and exultation of those who love You, O Christ our God, and to You we ascribe glory, together with the Father who is without beginning and Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen**

## ***Prayers For The Evening Hour***

*Almighty and most merciful Father,*

*we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.*

*We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.*

*We have offended against your holy laws.*

*We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.*

*O Lord have mercy upon us.*

*Spare all those who confess their faults.*

*Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all  
people in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.*

*O gladsome light,  
pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,*

*O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!*

*Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,*

*we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,*

*O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in  
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Luke 1:46-55*

<sup>46</sup> Mary responded,

“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.

<sup>47</sup> How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

<sup>48</sup> For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,  
and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

<sup>49</sup> For the Mighty One is holy,  
and he has done great things for me.

<sup>50</sup> He shows mercy from generation to generation  
to all who fear him.

<sup>51</sup> His mighty arm has done tremendous things!  
He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down princes from their thrones  
and exalted the humble.

<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away with empty hands.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful.

<sup>55</sup> For he made this promise to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children forever.”

*Luke 2:29-32*

<sup>29</sup> “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace,  
as you have promised.

<sup>30</sup> I have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared for all people.

<sup>32</sup> He is a light to reveal God to the nations,  
and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

- That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful, **We entreat you, O Lord.**
- That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill, **We entreat you, O Lord.**
- That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses, **We entreat you, O Lord.**
- That there may be peace in your Church and in the whole world, **We entreat you, O Lord.**
- That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ, **We entreat you, O Lord.**
- That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ, **We entreat you, O Lord.**

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,*

*we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.*

*We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;*

*but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

*Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom (Golden mouth)*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Our help is in the Name of the Lord; the maker of heaven and earth. **Amen.**

*Almighty God and Father, we confess to you,  
to one another, and to the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned, through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins,  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
raise us up to serve you in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. O God make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

## Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call to you,

O God who declares me innocent.

Free me from my troubles.

Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> How long will you people ruin my reputation?

How long will you make groundless accusations?

How long will you continue your lies? *Interlude*

<sup>3</sup> You can be sure of this:

The Lord set apart the godly for himself.

The Lord will answer when I call to him.

<sup>4</sup> Don't sin by letting anger control you.

Think about it overnight and remain silent. *Interlude*

<sup>5</sup> Offer sacrifices in the right spirit,

and trust the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Many people say, "Who will show us better times?"

Let your face smile on us, Lord.

<sup>7</sup> You have given me greater joy

than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.

<sup>8</sup> In peace I will lie down and sleep,

for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe.

## Psalm 31

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, I have come to you for protection;  
don't let me be disgraced.

Save me, for you do what is right.

<sup>2</sup>Turn your ear to listen to me;  
rescue me quickly.

Be my rock of protection,  
a fortress where I will be safe.

<sup>3</sup>You are my rock and my fortress.

For the honor of your name, lead me out of this danger.

<sup>4</sup>Pull me from the trap my enemies set for me,  
for I find protection in you alone.

<sup>5</sup>I entrust my spirit into your hand.

Rescue me, Lord, for you are a faithful God.

<sup>6</sup>I hate those who worship worthless idols.  
I trust in the Lord.

## Psalm 91

- <sup>1</sup> Those who live in the shelter of the Most High  
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- <sup>2</sup> This I declare about the Lord:  
He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;  
he is my God, and I trust him.
- <sup>3</sup> For he will rescue you from every trap  
and protect you from deadly disease.
- <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers.  
He will shelter you with his wings.  
His faithful promises are your armor and protection.
- <sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies in the day.
- <sup>6</sup> Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness,  
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.
- <sup>7</sup> Though a thousand fall at your side,  
though ten thousand are dying around you,  
these evils will not touch you.
- <sup>8</sup> Just open your eyes,  
and see how the wicked are punished.
- <sup>9</sup> If you make the Lord your refuge,  
if you make the Most High your shelter,
- <sup>10</sup> no evil will conquer you;  
no plague will come near your home.
- <sup>11</sup> For he will order his angels  
to protect you wherever you go.
- <sup>12</sup> They will hold you up with their hands  
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.
- <sup>13</sup> You will trample upon lions and cobras;  
you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.  
I will protect those who trust in my name.
- <sup>15</sup> When they call on me, I will answer;

I will be with them in trouble.  
I will rescue and honor them.  
<sup>16</sup> I will reward them with a long life  
and give them my salvation.”

## **Psalm 134**

### **A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem.**

<sup>1</sup> Oh, praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,  
you who serve at night in the house of the Lord.  
<sup>2</sup> Lift your hands toward the sanctuary,  
and praise the Lord.  
<sup>3</sup> May the Lord, who made heaven and earth,  
bless you from Jerusalem.

*Prayer For Any Hour*

O Thou, who at all times and at every hour, both in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, long-suffering, great in mercy and goodness of heart; who loves the righteous and hast mercy on sinners; who calls all people to salvation through the tidings of good things to come: do Thou, the same Lord, receive also our prayers at this hour, direct our lives in Thy commandments, sanctify our souls, cleanse our bodies, direct our thoughts, cleanse our minds, and deliver us from every tribulation, wickedness, and affliction; encompass us by Thy holy angels, that guarded and guided by their host, we may become worthy of the unity of the faith and of the understanding of Thine unapproachable glory, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

### *Prayers Before Sleep*

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fills all things; Treasury of Good Things, and Giver of Life: come and abide in us, cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal! Have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. **Amen.**

Now that the day has come to a close, I thank Thee, O Lord, and I ask that the evening with the night may be sinless; grant this to me, O Savior, and save me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Now that the day has passed, I glorify Thee, O Master, and I ask that the evening with the night may be without offense; grant this to me, O Savior, and save me.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Now that the day has run its course, I praise Thee, O Holy One, and I ask that the evening with the night may be undisturbed; grant this to me, O Savior, and save me.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Let us worship God, our King! Come! Let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come! Let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to Thee, O God. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for Forgiveness (in the nighttime)*

O Lord our God, if during this day I have sinned, whether in word or deed or thought, forgive me all, for You are good and love humankind. Grant me peaceful and undisturbed sleep and deliver me from all influence and temptation of the evil one. Raise me up again in proper time that I may glorify thee; for thou art blessed: with thine Only begotten Son and Your All-holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

## *Prayers of St Macarius the Great*

### *Prayer I*

What can I bring Thee? With what can I repay Thee, O Immortal King, the bestower of great gifts, O generous Lord, the Lover of Mankind? Though I have been lazy in pleasing Thee and have done no good, Thou hast brought me to the end of this day, ordering the conversion and salvation of my soul. Be merciful towards me, a sinner devoid of any good deeds. Raise up my fallen soul, defiled by immeasurable sins. Remove from me every evil thought of this visible life. Forgive, O only Sinless One, all the sins I have committed against Thee this day, in knowledge or in ignorance, in word, deed or thought or through any of my senses. Covering me Thyself, protect me from every assault of the enemy through Thy divine Power, inexpressible Love for mankind, and Strength. Cleanse, O God, cleanse the multitude of my sins. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me from the snares of the evil one and save my passionate soul. When Thou comest in glory, illumine me with the light of Thy countenance. May I fall uncondemned into a sleep free of apparitions. Keep the thoughts of Thy servant untroubled and keep far from me every satanic activity. Enlighten the reason-endowed eyes of my heart that I fall not into the sleep of death. Send to me an angel of peace, the guide and guardian of my soul and body that he may deliver me from my enemies. Then, when I arise from my bed, I shall offer Thee prayers of thanksgiving. Yea, Lord, hear me, Thy sinful servant, impoverished in will and conscience. Grant that I may learn from Thy words when I arise. Cause Thy Angels to drive demonic despondency far from me. Through her intercessions, the Sign of the precious Cross and for the sake of all Thy saints, O Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on my wretched soul, for Thou are Holy and most glorified unto ages of ages.

**Amen.**

*Prayer II*

O Lord our God forgive all the sins I have committed this day in word, deed and thought, for Thou art good and loves mankind. Grant me a peaceful sleep, free of restlessness. Send Thy Guardian Angel to protect and keep me from all harm. For Thou art the Guardian of our souls and bodies, and to Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

*Prayer III*

O Lord our God, in Whom we believe and upon Whose Name we call more than any other name: grant relief to our souls and bodies as we go to sleep. Keep us from every fantasy and dark pleasure. Halt the rushing of passions and quench the fiery arousals of the flesh. Grant us to live chastely in word and deed. Having embraced a virtuous life, may we not fall away from Thy promised blessings, for blessed art Thou forever. **Amen.**

*Prayer IV*

O God cleanse me a sinner, for I have done nothing good before Thee. Deliver me from the evil one, and may Thy will be in me, that I might open mine unworthy lips without condemnation, and praise Thy holy name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

*Prayer V*

*Morning Prayer*

Having risen from sleep, I offer Thee, O Savior, the midnight song. Falling down I cry to Thee: let me not fall asleep in the death of sin. Be gracious to me, O Thou Who was willingly crucified. Raise me quickly as I lie in laziness and save me as I stand in prayer. After the night's sleep, O Christ God, shine a sinless day on me and save me.

*Prayer VI*

*Morning Prayer*

Having risen from sleep, I run to Thee, O Master, for Thou loves mankind, and I rush to accomplish Thy work. Help me, I pray Thee, at all times and in all things. Deliver me from every evil thing of this world and from works of the devil. Save me and lead me into Thine eternal Kingdom. Thou art my Maker, The Provider and Giver of everything good. All my hope is in Thee and I glorify Thee, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

*Prayer VII*

O Lord, through Thine abundant goodness and great generosity, Thou hast allowed me, Thy servant, to pass through the hours of this night untempted by any evil of the enemy. Grant also, O Master and Creator of all, that I might accomplish Thy will in Thy true light and with an illumined heart, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

*Prayer VIII*

O Lord, the Almighty God, who accepts the thrice-holy hymn from Thy heavenly hosts: accept this song of the night even from me, Thine unworthy servant. Grant that at every year and hour of my life, I might glorify Thee, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

### *Prayer to God the Father*

O Eternal God and King of all Creation, Who hast granted me to reach this hour: forgive the sins I have committed this day in deed, word and thought. Cleanse, O Lord, my humble soul from every defilement of flesh and spirit. Grant, Lord, that I may pass through this night in peace. When I rise from my humble bed may I please Thy most Holy Name all the days of my life and trample underfoot the physical and bodiless enemies both that wage war against me. Deliver me, Lord, from vain thoughts that defile me and from evil lusts. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

### *Prayers of St. Basil The Great*

#### *Prayer 1*

Almighty Lord, the God of hosts and of all flesh, who livest in the heights, yet looks down on the humble, proving the hearts and emotions, clearly foreknowing the secrets of men: Thou art the Light without beginning, in Whom there is no variation nor shadow of change. O Immortal King accept the prayers which we now offer Thee from defiled lips. Free us from the sins we have committed in deed, word or thought, knowingly and unknowingly. Cleanse us from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Grant us to pass through the entire night of this present life with a watchful heart and a sober mind, awaiting the coming of the bright and manifest day of Thine only-begotten Son, our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, when the Judge of all will come with glory to reward each according to his deeds. May we not be found fallen and lazy, but alert and roused to action, prepared to enter into His joy and the divine chamber of His glory, where the voice of those who feast is unceasing and indescribable is the delight of those who behold the inexpressible beauty of Thy countenance. For Thou art the true Light which enlightens and sanctifies all, and all creation hymns Thee unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

### *Prayer II*

We bless Thee, most high God and Lord of mercies, Who, ever does great and unfathomable things for us – glorious and awesome things without number. Thou givest us sleep for the repose of our frailty, relieving the labors of our over- burdened flesh. We thank Thee for not destroying us in our lawlessness. Instead, Thou has shown Thy usual love for mankind, and raised us, as we lay in despair, to glorify Thy Reign. Therefore, we implore Thy boundless goodness: enlighten our thoughts and eyes and awaken our minds from the heavy sleep of laziness. Open our lips and fill them with Thy praise, that we may unwaveringly hymn and confess Thee, the God glorified in all and by all, Father without beginning, with Thine only begotten Son and Thine all-holy, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

### *Prayer to Christ*

My most merciful and all-merciful God, O Lord Jesus Christ! In Your great love, You came down and become flesh in order to save all. Again, I pray that You, save me by Grace! If You should save me because of my deeds, it would not be a gift but merely a duty. Truly, You abound in graciousness and art inexpressibly merciful! You have said, O my Christ: "He who believes in me shall live and never see death." If faith in You saves the desperate, behold I believe! Save me, for You are my God and my Maker. May my faith replace my deeds, O my God, for You will find no deeds to justify me. May my faith be sufficient for all. May it answer for me; may it justify me; may it make me a partaker of Your eternal glory; and may Satan not seize me, O Word, and boast that he has torn me from Your hand and fold. O Christ my Savior: save me whether I want it or not! Come quickly, hurry, for I perish! You are my God from my mother's womb. Grant, O Lord, that I may now love You as once I loved sin, and that I may labor for You without laziness as once I labored for Satan the deceiver. Even more, I will labor for You, my Lord and God Jesus Christ, all the days of my life, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

*Prayer of St Antiochus, to Our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Almighty Word of the Father, Jesus Christ, Who art perfect: never abandon me, Thy servant, for Thy great mercy's sake, but ever abide in me. O Jesus, Good Shepherd of Thy sheep, do not deliver me to the serpent's rebellion! Do not abandon me to Satan's will, for the seed of corruption is within me! Instead, O Lord God the Adored, Holy King Jesus Christ, keep me while I sleep by Thy unwavering Light, Thy Holy Spirit by Whom Thou didst sanctify Thy disciples. O Lord grant to me, Thine unworthy servant, salvation on my bed. Enlighten my mind with the light of understanding Thy Holy Gospel; my soul with the love of Thy Cross; my heart with the purity of Thy Word; my body with Thy passionless Passion. Keep my thoughts with Thy humility and raise me at the right time to glorify Thee. For Thou art most glorified, with Thine unoriginate Father and Thy most Holy Spirit forever. **Amen.**

*Prayer II to the Holy Spirit*

O Holy Spirit, most merciful Comforter: You proceed from the Father in a manner beyond our understanding. Come, I beseech You, and take up your abode in my heart. Purify and cleanse me from all sin and sanctify my soul. Cleanse it from every impurity, water its dryness, melt its coldness, and save it from its sinful ways. Make me truly humble and resigned, that I may be pleasing to You, and that You might abide with me forever. Most Blessed Light, most Amiable Light, enlighten me. O Rapturous Joy of Paradise, Fount of Purest Delight, My God, give yourself to me and kindle in my innermost soul the fire of Your love. My Lord, instruct, direct, and defend me in all things. Give me strength against all immoderate fears and against despondency. Bestow upon me a true faith, a firm hope, and a sincere and a perfect love. Grant that I always do Thy Most Gracious Will. **Amen.**

*Prayer III, to the Holy Spirit:*

O Lord, the Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth: have compassion and mercy on me, Thy sinful servant! Absolve me, who am unworthy. Forgive all the sins I have committed this day both in my humanity and my inhumanity, behaving worse than beasts in sins voluntary and involuntary, known and unknown, from my youth, from evil suggestions, haste and despondency. If I have sworn by Thy name or blasphemed it in thought; if I have reproached anyone or become angered by something; or slandered or saddened anyone in my anger; or have lied, or slept unnecessarily; or a beggar has come to me and I have despised him; or have saddened my brother or quarreled with him; or have judged someone; or have allowed myself to become haughty, proud or angry; or, when standing in prayer, my mind has been shaken by the wickedness of this world; or have entertained depraved thoughts; or have over-eaten, over-drunk or laughed mindlessly; or have had evil thoughts or seen the beauty of someone and been wounded by it in my heart; or have spoken inappropriately; or have laughed at my brother's sins when my own transgressions are countless; or have been indifferent to prayer; or have done any other evil that I cannot remember – for I have done all this and more: have mercy, O Master, my Creator, on me, Thy despondent and unworthy servant! Absolve, remit and forgive me, in Thy goodness and love for mankind that I, who am prodigal, sinful and wretched, may lie down in peace and find sleep and rest. May I worship, hymn and praise Thy most honorable name, with the Father and His only begotten Son, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

*Prayer IV: Evening Prayer to the Son of God*

O Only Begotten Word of the Father, Jesus Christ, who alone are perfect: according to the greatness of your mercy, do not abandon me, your servant, but ever rest in my heart. O Sweet Jesus, Good Shepherd of Your flock, deliver me from the attacks of The Enemy. Do not allow me to become the prey of Satan's evil intent, even though I have within me the seed of eternal damnation. Instead, O Lord Jesus Christ, Adorable God, Holy King, while I sleep, protect me by Your Holy spirit, through Whom You sanctified Your Apostles. Enlighten my mind by the light of the Holy Gospel, my soul by the love of Your Cross, my heart by the purity of Your teaching. Protect my body by Your sacred passion, my senses by Your humility, and awaken me in due time for Your glorification. For You, above all, are adorable, together with Your eternal Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. **Amen.**

## *Prayer of St. John Chrysostom*

*Prayers of Supplication, corresponding to the 24 hours of day and night.*

### *For the Day*

Lord, exclude me not from Thy heavenly blessings. Lord, deliver me from eternal torments. Lord, whether I have sinned in mind or thought, word or deed, forgive me. Lord, deliver me from all ignorance, forgetfulness, cowardice and stone-like insensitivity. Lord, deliver me from every temptation. Lord, enlighten my heart which evil desires have darkened. Lord, as a man I have sinned: as a gracious God, have mercy on me, seeing the weakness of my soul. Lord, send Thy Grace to my aid, that I may glorify Thy holy Name. Lord Jesus Christ, inscribe me, Thy servant, in the Book of Life and grant me a good end. Lord, my God, even though I have done nothing good before Thee, grant by Thy Grace that I may make a good beginning. Lord, sprinkle the dew of Thy Grace into my heart. Lord of Heaven and earth, remember me, Thy sinful, shameful and impure servant, in Thy Kingdom. **Amen.**

### *For the Night*

Lord, accept me in penitence. Lord, abandon me not. Lord, lead me not into temptation. Lord, grant me good thoughts. Lord, grant me tears, the remembrance of death and compunction. Lord, grant me the thought of confessing my sins. Lord, grant me humility, chastity and obedience. Lord, grant me patience, courage and meekness. Lord, cause the root of good to dwell in me - Thy fear in my heart. Lord, grant that I may love Thee with all my soul and mind and do Thy will in all things. Lord, protect me from certain people, demons and passions, and from any other unseemly thing. Lord, I know that Thou does as Thou wilt: may Thy will be in me a sinner, for blessed art Thou forever. **Amen.**

*Prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ:*

O Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God deliver me from this present assault of the devil. Yea, O Lord my Creator, Who desires not the death of the sinner, but that he should return to Thee and live: grant repentance to me, wretched and unworthy. Snatch me from the jaws of the consuming serpent, its mouth opened to devour me and take me down to hell alive. Yea, my Lord and my Comfort, Who didst put on corruptible flesh for my wretched sake: deliver me from wretchedness and bring comfort to my wretched soul. Implant in my heart the accomplishment of Thy precepts, the abandonment of evil deeds and the obtainment of Thy blessings. In Thee, O Lord, have I trusted: save me!

*A Prayer of St John of Damascus*

*Before sleep*

O Master Who loves mankind, is this to be my coffin? Or will You enlighten my wretched soul with another day? Behold: before me lies the coffin, before me stands death! O Lord, I fear Your judgment and the endless torments, yet I cease not to do evil. I know, Lord, that I am unworthy of Your love for mankind. Indeed, I am worthy of every condemnation and torment. Yet, Lord, save me whether I want it or not! When You save the righteous, it is no great thing. When You have mercy on the pure, it causes no wonder, for they are worthy of Your mercy. Astound us with Your mercy towards me, a sinner. Reveal in this manner Your love for mankind, that my wickedness may not overcome Your inexpressible goodness and mercy. As You will, order my life!

*Wishing to lie down on your bed, say:*

Enlighten my eyes, Christ God, that I fall not asleep to death and that my enemy may not say of me: I have overcome him. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: Be the Helper of my soul, O God, for I walk among many snares. Deliver me from them, O Good One, and save me, for You love humankind. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

### *Prayer Of The Late Russian Orthodox Father Sophrony*

Eternal King without beginning, Thou who art before all worlds, my Maker, Who hast summoned all things from non-being into this life: bless this day that Thou, in Thine inscrutable goodness, give to me.

By the power of Thy blessing enable me at all times in this coming day to speak and act for Thee, to Thy glory, in Thy fear, according to Thy will, with a pure spirit, with humility, patience, love, gentleness, peace, courage, wisdom, and prayer, aware everywhere of Thy presence.

Yea, Lord, in Thine immense mercy, lead me by Thy Holy Spirit into every good work and word, and grant me to walk all my life long in Thy sight without stumbling, according to Thy Righteousness that Thou hast revealed to us, that I may not add to my transgressions. O Lord, great in mercy, spare me who am perishing in wickedness; do not hide Thy face from me. And when my perverted will would lead me down other paths, do not forsake me, my Savior, but force me back to Thy holy path.

O Thou who art good, to Whom all hearts are open, Thou knowest my poverty and my foolishness, my blindness and my uselessness, but the sufferings of my soul are also before Thee. Wherefore I beseech Thee: hear me in my affliction and fill me with Thy strength from above. Raise me up who am paralyzed with sin and deliver me who am enslaved to the passions. Heal me from every hidden wound. Purify me from all taint of flesh and spirit.

Preserve me from every inward and outward impulse that is displeasing in Thy sight and hurtful to my brother. I beseech Thee: establish me in the path of Thy commandments and to my last breath do not let me stray from the light of Thine ordinances, so that Thy commandments may become the sole law of my being in this life and in all eternity. O God, my God, I plead with Thee for many and great things: do not disregard me. Do not cast me away from Thy presence because of my presumption and boldness, but by the power of Thy love lead me in the path of Thy will. Grant me to love Thee as Thou hast commanded, with all my heart, and with all my soul, and with all my mind, and with all my strength: with my whole being.

For Thou alone art the holy protection and all-powerful defender of my life, and to Thee I ascribe glory and offer my prayer. Grant me to know Thy truth before I depart this life. Maintain my life in this world until I may offer Thee true repentance. Do not take me away in the midst of my days, and when Thou art pleased to bring my life to an end forewarn me of my death, so that I may prepare my soul to come before Thee.

Be with me, then, O Lord, on my great and sacred day, and grant me the joy of Thy salvation. Cleanse me from manifest and secret sins, from all iniquity hidden in me; and give me a right answer before Thy dread judgement seat. **Amen.**

***Daily Prayer Of The Late Orthodox Prophetic Elder Paisios:***

Our Lord Jesus Christ: Do not abandon Thy servants who live far away from the Church. May Thy love convict them and bring them back to Thee. Lord, have mercy on Thy servants who are suffering from cancer. On Thy servants who suffer either from small or serious ailments. On Thy servants who suffer from physical infirmities. On Thy servants who suffer from spiritual infirmities. Lord, have mercy on our leaders and inspire them to govern with Christian love. Lord, have mercy on children who come from troubled homes. On troubled families and those who have been divorced. Lord, have mercy on all the orphans of the world, on all those who are suffering pain and injustices since losing their spouses. Lord, have mercy on all those in jail, on all anarchists, on all drug abusers, on all murderers, on all abusers of people, and on all thieves. Enlighten these people and help them to straighten out their lives. Lord, have mercy on all those who have been forced to emigrate. On all those who travel on the seas, on land, in the air, and protect them. Lord, have mercy on our Church, the bishops, the priests and the faithful of the Church.

Lord, have mercy on Thy servants who find themselves in the midst of war. On Thy servants who are being pursued in the mountains and on the plains. On Thy servants who are being hunted like birds of prey. Lord, have mercy on Thy servants who were forced to abandon their homes and their jobs and feel afflicted. Lord, have mercy on the poor, the homeless and the exiled. Lord, have mercy on the nations of the world. Keep them in Thine embrace and envelope them with Thy holy protection. Keep them safe from every evil and war. Keep our beloved land in Thy protective embrace day and night. Embrace her with Thy holy protection defending her from all evil and war. Lord, have mercy on those who have been abandoned and have suffered injustice. Have mercy on families that are going through trying times. Pour Thine abundant love upon them. Lord, have mercy on Thy servants who suffer from spiritual and bodily problems of all kinds. Lord, have mercy on those who are despairing. Help them and grant them peace. Lord, have mercy on those that have requested that we pray for them. Lord, grant eternal rest to all those who have passed on to eternal life throughout the ages.

## *Prayers for the Sick and Infirm*

### *Prayers for a Sick Person*

Heavenly Father, physician of our souls and bodies, Who have sent Your only begotten Son and our Lord Jesus Christ to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal also Your servant (name) from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Christ. Grant him (her) patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. I pray, heal Your servant (name) and grant to him (her) the gift of complete health. For You are the source of healing and to You I give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Lord our God, Who by a word alone did heal all diseases, Who did cure the kinswoman of Peter, You Who chastise with pity and heal according to Your goodness; Who are able to put aside every sickness and infirmity, do You Yourself, the same Lord, grant aid to Your servant (name) and cure him (her) of every sickness of which he (she) is grieved; and send down upon him (her) Your great mercy, and if it be Your will, give to him (her) health and a complete recovery; for You are the Physician of our souls and bodies, and to You do we send up Glory: to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

*After an Operation*

Holy Father, the only true physician of our souls and bodies, who cast down and lift up, accept me as I come in all humility to glorify you and thank you for preserving, by your grace, your servant (Name) through his (her) recent operation. We thank you for blessing the attending physicians and the means employed for his (her) cure, and for restoring him (her) safe and sound to his (her) family and Church, having fended off every danger against his (her) body and soul. Raise him (her) speedily, we pray you, from the bed of illness on which he (she) lies and return him (her) to his (her) home and peaceful pursuits. Grant that the suffering of his (her) body may avail for the purifying of his (her) soul and may lead him (her) to return, in thanksgiving, to the works of his (her) hands and to Christ Jesus, the Physician of soul and body. Through the prayers of all the saints, Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us. **Amen.**

*Thanksgiving after Recovery*

Almighty God and heavenly Father, You are the fountain of life and healing. I bless Your holy name and offer to You thanks for having delivered me from sickness and restored me to health. Grant me Your eternal grace, I pray, that I may live a new life in true obedience to You. Guide me to do Your will in all things devoting my life to Your service. Thus living for You may I be found worthy of Your kingdom, where You dwell in glory with Your Son and Your Holy Spirit forever. **Amen.**

### *Thanksgiving after Recovery*

O Lord God Jesus Christ, the Life and strength of all that put their hope in You, Whose mercies are numberless, and the treasury goodness that is infinite, we give thanks to You for the blessings which You have bestowed., and we humbly beseech You to continue Your goodness toward us. As You have been well pleased to restore us to our bodily health, so do imbue our souls with all the heavenly graces, perseverance in good works, and prepare us by Your blessings in this life for the enjoyment of eternal happiness in the Life to come. For to You are due all glory, honor, and worship, as also to Your Eternal Father and Your All-holy Good and Life-creating Spirit, both now and forever, and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

### *Prayer for the Terminally Ill*

Lord, Jesus Christ, Who suffered and died for our sins that we may live, if during our life we have sinned in word, deed or thought forgive us in Your goodness and love. All our hope we put in You; protect your servant (name) from all evil. We submit to Your will and into Your hands we commend our souls and bodies. For a Christian end to our lives, peaceful, without shame and suffering, and for a good account before the awesome judgment seat of Christ, we pray to you O Lord. Bless us, be merciful to us and grant us life eternal. **Amen.**

### *Prayers in Time of Trouble*

Lord of the Powers be with us, for in times of distress we have no other help but You. Lord of the Powers have mercy on us.

### *Prayers in Time of Need*

Almighty God, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, come to my help and deliver me from this difficulty that besets me. I believe Lord, that all trials of life are under Your care and that all things work for the good of those who love You. Take away from me fear, anxiety and distress. Help me to face and endure my difficulty with faith, courage and wisdom. Grant that this trial may bring me closer to You for You are my rock and refuge, my comfort and hope, my delight and joy. I trust in Your love and compassion. Blessed is Your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

O God, our help in time of need, Who are just and merciful, and Who inclines to the supplications of His people. Look down upon me and have mercy on me and deliver me from the trouble that now besets me. Deal with us not according to our iniquities, but according to Your manifold mercies, for we are the works of Your hands, and You know our weaknesses. I pray to you to grant me Your divine helping grace and endow me with patience and strength to endure my hardships with complete submission to Your Will. Only You know our misery and sufferings, and to You, our only hope and refuge, I flee for relief and comfort, trusting in Your infinite love and compassion, that in due time, when You know best, You will deliver me from this trouble, and turn my distress into comfort. We then shall rejoice in Your mercy, and exalt and praise Your Holy Name, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, both now and forever and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

*Prayer Against Demonic Influence*

Almighty God, Who delivered Your people from the bondage of the adversary, and through Your Son cast down Satan like lightning, deliver me also from every influence of unclean spirits. Command Satan to depart far from me by the power of Your only begotten Son. Rescue me from demonic imaginings and darkness. Fill me with the light of the Holy Spirit that I may be guarded against all snares of crafty demons. Grant that an angel will always go before me and lead me to the path of righteousness all the days of my life, to the honor of Your glorious Name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Prayer for Our Enemies*

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your great mercy You prayed for the forgiveness of those who crucified You, and You taught us to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us. Lord, I pray that You forgive those who treat me unjustly and speak out against me, and that You bless them and guide them according to Your will. Take away any bitterness I may have in my heart against them. Lord may Your forgiveness, goodness and love be revealed in all of us, to Your praise and glory. **Amen.**

*Prayer for Peace*

Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on the earth. Guide, I pray, all the nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war. Help us to put away mistrust, bitterness and hatred. Teach us to cease the storing and using of implements of war. Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom. Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honor and praise. **Amen.**

*Thanksgiving After Trouble*

Almighty and merciful God, I most humbly and heartily thank Your divine majesty for Your loving kindness and tender mercies, that You have heard my humble prayer, and graciously granted me deliverance from my trouble and misery. I pray to you to continue granting Your helping grace, that I may lead a life pleasing to You, that I may continually offer to You a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## *Prayers Before or After Any Task*

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Lord Jesus Christ, my God, You have said, "Apart from me You can do nothing." In faith I embrace Your words, Lord, and I entreat Your goodness. Help me to carry out the work I am about to begin, and to bring it to completion. To You I give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our Help and Refuge, who knows that we can do nothing right without Your guidance and help; direct me by Your wisdom and power, that I may accomplish this task and, whatever I do according to Your divine will, so that it may be beneficial to me and others and to the glory of Your holy Name. **Amen.**

My Lord and Savior, You became man and labored with Your hands until the time of Your ministry. Bless me as I begin this work. Help me to bring it to completion. Lord, enlighten my mind and strengthen my body, that I may accomplish my task according to Your will. Guide me to bring about works of goodness to Your service and glory. **Amen.**

### *Prayer After Any Task*

Thank You, Lord, for Your strength and guidance in my work. You are the fulfillment of all good things. Fill also my soul with joy and gladness, that I may praise You always. **Amen.**

### *Prayer Toward the Unknown*

O Lord, You who steadied the hand of Peter as he began to sink on the stormy sea, if you are with me, no one is against me. Grant to me the shield of faith and the mighty armor of the Holy Spirit to protect me and guide me to do Your will. The future I put into Your hands, O Lord, and I follow You to a life in Christ. **Amen.**

*Prayers Before Travel*

Lord Jesus Christ my God be my Companion, guide and protector during my journey. Keep me from all danger, misfortune and temptation. By Your divine power, grant me a peaceful and successful journey and safe arrival. In You I place my hope and trust and You I praise, honor and glorify, together with Your Father and Holy Spirit now and forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

Lord Jesus, You traveled with the two disciples after the resurrection and set their hearts on fire with Your grace. Travel also with me and gladden my heart with Your presence. I know, Lord, that I am a pilgrim on this earth, seeking the citizenship which is in heaven. During my journey surround me with Your holy angels and keep me safe from seen and unseen dangers. Grant that I may carry out my plans and fulfill my expectations according to Your will. Help me to see the beauty of creation and to comprehend the wonder of Your truth in all things. For You are the way, the truth and the life, and to You I give thanks, praise and glory forever. **Amen.**

*Prayer for Love*

Christ my God, set my heart on fire with love in You, that in its flame I may love You with all my heart, with all my mind, and with all my soul and with all my strength, and my neighbor as myself, so that by keeping Your commandments I may glorify You the Giver of every good and perfect gift.  
**Amen.**

Father of love, through the grace of our Lord Jesus and the fellowship of your Spirit, you have spread abroad your love in my heart. May I remain continuously aware of that love both as it is to be appropriated by grace through me for others, as I abide in and partake of it myself. May I give it freely as it has been and continues to be given to me. In Christ's Name,  
**Amen.**

*Prayer for Acceptance of God's Will*

Lord, I do not know what to ask of You. You know better than me what my needs are. You love more than I know how to love. Help me to see clearly my real needs which I do not see. I open my heart to You. Examine and reveal to me my faults and sins. I put all trust in You. I have no other desire than to fulfill Your will. Teach me how to pray. Pray in me. **Amen.**

*Prayer Of Confidence In God's Will*

Father, your will is ever the highest and best that can be known and accomplished in my life. How you accomplish that is more often than not a mystery to me. Nevertheless, I yield my heart in absolute and utter trust and surrender to your goodness and grace, knowing that in Your mercy you will never fail or forsake me, and that you will lead me in a plain path precisely because of the many enemies of my soul that I contend with. Guard my going out and coming in. Direct and order my steps. Accomplish all your desire. With Christ I affirm, I delight to do Your will. In Christ's Name, **Amen.**

## *Prayers for Students*

### *Prayer of a Student*

Christ my Lord, the Giver of light and wisdom, who opened the eyes of the blind man and transformed the fishermen into wise heralds and teachers of the gospel through the coming of the Holy Spirit, shine also in my mind the light of the grace of the Holy Spirit. Grant me discernment, understanding and wisdom in learning. Enable me to complete my assignments and to abound in every good work, for to You I give honor and glory. **Amen.**

### *Prayers Before Study*

Most blessed Lord, send the grace of Your Holy Spirit on me to strengthen me that I may learn well the subject I am about to study and by it become a better person for Your glory, the comfort of my family and the benefit of Your Church and our Nation. **Amen.**

Christ, the true light, who enlightens and sanctifies every person coming into the world, let the light of Your countenance shine upon me (us) that I (we) may see Your unapproachable light; and guide my (our) steps in the way of Your commandments, through the intercessions of Your all-holy Mother and of all the Saints. **Amen.**

### *Prayer After Study*

I thank You, Lord our God, that again on this occasion You have opened my eyes to the light of Your wisdom. You have gladdened my heart with the knowledge of truth. I entreat You, Lord, help me always to do Your will. Bless my soul and body, my words and deeds. Enable me to grow in grace, virtue and good habits, that Your name may be glorified, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### *Prayer Before Studying Scripture*

#### *Prayer I*

Master who loves us, shine Your eternal light in our hearts that we may better know you. Help us to fully understand Your gospel message. Instill in us respect for Your holy commandments, that by overcoming our worldly desires we might live a spiritual life of thoughts and deeds which pleases You. We ask this of You, O Christ our god, for You are the light of our souls and bodies and You we glorify with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy good and life-giving Spirit now and forever. **Amen.**

#### *Prayer II*

Shine within my heart, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of my mind that I may understand Your teachings. Instill in me also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered sinful desires I may pursue a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ my God, are my light, and to You I give glory together with Your Father and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### *Prayer After Studying Scripture*

Holy Father, I have now read and fed on Your Word. May I not be a forgetful hearer, rather, may I be an effectual doer. As you have shown me Christ hidden in the Sacred Text, so now enlighten me to yield to His indwelling Spirit that He might be formed in me in greater ways. Shape me and mold me according to your Word, the Sword of Your Spirit. Cut away that which has no place, and prune that which is destined to be fruitful. In Christ's Name, **Amen.**

### *Prayer For Discernment*

Oh Lord Jesus Christ our God, who did lead the people of Israel in the land unsown, a land of drought and deep darkness, a land none may pass through or dwell in: do thou, the same Lord, lead me all the days of my life, giving me to discern the times and their signs, and to redeem times passage-for the days are evil-guiding me in the way that I should go, that I may ever say: I love You, oh Lord, for you have heard the voice of my supplication from my mother's womb, yea, from all eternity, and You are the Way and the Truth, and the Resurrection and the Life, the Sunshine that ripens all who live in repose in the, the Peace of God, and also our Peace with him: always, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

*Prayer of Intercession*

O Lord Who loves humankind, forgive those who hate and wrong us. Do good to those who do good. Grant to our brethren and relatives all petitions for salvation and eternal life. Visit the afflicted and heal them. Guide those at sea. Travel with travelers. Join the believers in battle. Grant remission of sins to those who serve us and are kind to us. Have mercy, according to Your great mercy, on those who have asked us to pray for them, unworthy though we be. Remember, Lord, our fathers, mothers, and brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep before us and give them rest under the light of Your countenance. Remember, Lord, our captive brethren, and deliver them from every misfortune. Remember, Lord, those who bear fruit and do good works in Your holy churches and grant them all their petitions for salvation and eternal life. Remember us also, Lord, Your humble, sinful and unworthy servants. Enlighten our minds with the light of Your reason and direct us onto the path of Your commandments for blessed are You unto ages of ages. **Amen.**