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... the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch ACTS 11:26

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

- *The following are prayers commonly used by Orthodox Christians of the Byzantine (Eastern) Rite. Western Rite Orthodox Christians are encouraged to become familiar with these prayers and make frequent use of them.*

Morning Prayers

The Trisagion Prayers

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O HEAVENLY King, O Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who art in all places and fillest all things; Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and dwell in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Gracious Lord.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. *(Thrice)*

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 iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

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. *Amen.*

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.*

Troparia to the Holy Trinity

HAVING arisen from sleep, we fall down before Thee, O Blessed One, and sing to Thee, O Mighty One, the Angelic Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God. Through the Theotokos have mercy on us.

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

FROM my bed and sleep Thou hast raised me: O Lord, enlighten my mind and my heart, and open my lips that I may praise Thee, O Holy Trinity : Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God. Through the Theotokos have mercy on us.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

SUDDENLY the Judge shall come, and the deeds of each shall be revealed: but with fear we cry out in the middle of the night: Holy, holy, holy art Thou, O God. Through the Theotokos have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy. *(12 times)*

A Prayer to the Holy Trinity

ARISING from sleep I thank Thee, O Holy Trinity, because of the abundance of Thy goodness and long-suffering Thou wast not wroth with me, slothful and sinful as I am; neither hast Thou destroyed me in my transgressions: but in Thy compassion raised me up, as I lay in despair; that at dawn I might sing the glories of Thy Majesty. Do Thou now enlighten the eyes of my understanding, open my mouth to receive Thy words, teach me Thy commandments, help me to do Thy will, confessing Thee from my heart, singing and praising Thy All-holy Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Basil the Great

WE bless Thee, O God most high and Lord of mercies, who ever workest great and mysterious deeds for us, glorious, wonderful, and numberless; who providest us with sleep as a rest from our infirmities and as a repose for our bodies tired by labor. We thank Thee that Thou hast not destroyed us in our transgressions, but in Thy love toward mankind Thou hast raised us up, as we lay in despair, that we may glorify Thy Majesty. We entreat Thine infinite goodness, enlighten the eyes of our understanding and raise up our minds from the heavy sleep of indolence; open our mouths and fill them with Thy praise, that we may unceasingly sing and confess Thee, who art God glorified in all and by all, the eternal Father, the Only-begotten Son, and the all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

Midday Prayers

- *Say first the Trisagion Prayers, then the following prayer:*

O CHRIST our God, who at this hour didst stretch out Thy loving arms upon the Cross that all men might be gathered unto Thee, help us and save us who cry out unto Thee; Glory to Thee, O Lord.

- *After adding personal devotions, conclude with:*

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. *Amen.*

Evening Prayers

- *Say first the Trisagion Prayers, then the following prayers:*

Troparia of Thanksgiving

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 Saviour, and save me.

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

NOW that the day hath passed, I glorify Thee, O Master, and I ask that the evening, with the night may be without offence; grant this to me, O Saviour, and save me.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

NOW that the day hath 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 Saviour, and save me.

Lord, have mercy *(12 times)*

A Prayer for Forgiveness

O LORD our God, if during this day I have sinned, whether in word, or deed, or thought, forgive me all, for Thou art good and lovest mankind. 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 Thine All-holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

- *Say then the Creed, and the following prayer:*

O CHRIST our God, who at all times and in every hour, in heaven and on earth, art worshiped and glorified; who art long-suffering, merciful and compassionate; who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; who callest all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come; O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications, and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulation, evil, and distress. Encompass us with Thy holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory, for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

- *After private devotions and intercessions, conclude with*

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. *Amen.*

- *Upon lying down to sleep, say*

INTO Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and my body. Do Thou Thyself bless me, have mercy upon me, and grant me life eternal. *Amen.*

Occasional Prayers

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O HEAVENLY King, O Comforter, Spirit of Truth, who art in all places and fillest all things; Treasury of good things and Giver of Life: Come and dwell in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Gracious Lord.

Prayer to the All-holy Trinity

THE Father is my hope; the Son is my refuge; the Holy Spirit is my protector. O All-holy Trinity, glory to Thee. *Amen.*

Prayer to the Mother of God

IT is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, who art ever blessed and all-blameless, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without stain bearest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee. *Amen.*

Prayer to a Guardian Angel

O ANGEL of Christ, holy guardian and protector of my soul and body, forgive me everything wherein I have offended thee every day of my life, and protect me from all influence and temptation of the evil one. May I never more anger God by any sin. Pray for me to the Lord, that He may make me worthy of the grace of the All-holy Trinity, and of the Most Blessed Theotokos, and of all the Saints. *Amen.*