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

Prayers and Thanksgivings

The Jesus Prayer

LORD Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner.

Prayer to the Mother of God

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

Prayer to St. Michael, Archangel

HOLY Michael, Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

O PRINCE Most Glorious, Michael the Archangel, keep us in remembrance: here and everywhere, always entreat the Son of God for us. *Amen.*

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou will grant their requests; Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

For the Spirit of Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, who pourest out on all who desire it, the spirit of grace and of supplication, deliver us, when we draw nigh to Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer to a Patron Saint

PRAY unto God for me, O holy Saint (*Name*) well pleasing to God; For I turn unto thee, who art the speedy helper and intercessor for my soul. *Amen.*

Prayer to a Guardian Angel

HOLY Guardian Angel, to whose care God, in His mercy, hast committed me, stand by me now, and at my last hour; protect me against all the powers of darkness; defend me from all my enemies, and conduct my soul to the mansions of bliss. *Amen.*

For a Sick Person

FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We humbly beseech Thee to behold, visit, and relieve Thy sick servant (*Name*) for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of Thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; and give *him* patience under *his* affliction. In Thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear, and to Thy glory; and grant that finally *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Sick Child

HEAVENLY Father, watch with us, we pray Thee, over the sick child for whom our prayers are offered, and grant that *he* may be restored to that perfect health which it is Thine alone to give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For One About to Undergo an Operation

ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, we beseech Thee graciously to comfort Thy servant in *his* suffering, and to bless the means made use of for *his* cure. Fill *his* heart with confidence, that though *he* be sometime afraid, *he* yet may put *his* trust in Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those in Mental Darkness

HEAVENLY Father, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon all Thy children who are living in mental darkness. Restore them to strength of mind and cheerfulness of spirit, and give them health and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving After Deliverance From Trouble

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, I most humbly and heartily thank Thy divine Majesty for Thy loving kindness and tender mercies, that Thou hast heard my humble prayer, and graciously vouchsafed to deliver me from my trouble and misery. Grant me, I beseech Thee, Thy helping grace, that I may obediently walk in Thy holy commandments, and live a godly, righteous, and sober life, ever remembering Thy mercies, and the blessings Thou hast undeservedly bestowed upon me, that I may continually offer to Thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Sickness

O GOD, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; We bless Thy Name, that Thou hast been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness this Thy servant, who now desireth to return thanks unto Thee, in the presence of all Thy people. Gracious art Thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May *his* heart be duly impressed with a sense of Thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for a Child's Recovery

ALmighty God and heavenly Father, we give Thee humble thanks for that Thou hast been graciously pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness the child in whose behalf we bless and praise Thy Name, in the presence of all Thy people. Grant, we beseech Thee, O gracious Father, that *he*, through Thy help, may both faithfully live in this world according to Thy will, and also may be a partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving for the Church

O GOD, whose glory fills the skies, I laud and praise Thy holy Name for all the blessings brought to me and to all in Thy holy Church, especially for our own parish. I bless Thee for the gifts of faith, knowledge, and of a whole mind; for the grace of membership, and the joy of fellowship; May the operation of Thy Sacraments so knit us all to Thee in grace that we may be able without fear or hesitation to behold Thy wonders in nature. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

An Act of Praise

TO God the Father, who first loved us and made us accepted in the Beloved; To God the Son, who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own Blood; To God the Holy Spirit, who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts: Be all love, and all glory, for time and for eternity. *Amen.*

The Angelus

- *When read in a group, the Angelus is normally read responsively.*

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary * and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. * Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. * Be it done to me according to Thy word.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. * Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

And the Word was made flesh * and dwelt among us.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus. * Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

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)*