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### THE HOLY PSALTER

**T**he Psalter of the Holy Bible, the Book of the Psalms of King David, has always been the principal Prayer Book of Christian people. Refer to the Domestic Psalter for a complete printing of all the Psalms, and the Psalms to be said for specific needs.

### PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE

#### *PRAYER OF REPENTANCE & FOR THE CHURCH*

**O** Lord, God almighty, be merciful to me a sinner, for Thou only art immortal and without sin, O Lord our God. Thou art blessed that blessest all. Thou art holy that hallowest all. Forgive me Thine unworthy servant, I beseech Thee, for I am a sinner. I have sinned exceedingly before Thee and before Thine Angels, but grant me forgiveness of transgressions, and strengthen Thy Holy Church in the Orthodox Faith, and teach me to do Thy will, for Thou, O Lord, art our God, O Who livest and reignest unto ages of ages. Amen.

#### *PRAYER OF REPENTANCE & CONFESSION*

**R**eceive my confession and prayer, only hope of my salvation, O Lord my God: I who have been lost through sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch; through gluttony, drunkenness, fornication, lust, pollution, and delights; through meanness, despondency, negligence, omission, anger, ambition, malice, hatred, envy, detraction, perjury, falsity, deceit, vainglory, levity, and pride, in every thought and word and deed, and who have been slain by all my senses. I therefore beseech Thee, Thou that makest the wicked righteous and the dead alive: quicken me and raise me up again. That which Thou hatest in me, remove from me without delay. In Thy mercy, bow down towards me. Put every sinful habit within me to death, and quicken my soul unto Thee, so that I may be worthy to serve Thee rightly and to be heard by Thee mercifully, O Jesus Christ, O Who with Thy co-eternal Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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### 1. *Prayers For Those in the Church*

*PRAYER OF A PASTOR, BY ST. AUGUSTINE OF AFRICA*

**O** God, O Good One, Who scornest not the groaning of the sorrowful, and hearkenest to the sincerity of the broken-hearted, O God, O Good One, Who wishest to be prayed to that Thou mayest have mercy: hearken to me imploring Thy mercy for Thy servants and handmaidens N. & N. And mayest Thou be a loving Guide to them who are set upon the path of righteousness, lovingly console them, lovingly strengthen them as they have need. Direct them, lest they turn aside from the path of righteousness, lest they fail in the way of life of piety. Offer them the hand of Thy help, and if they grow faint and their enemies deceive them, never let them mock at them, saying: Where is their God? (Ps 78:11) O Lord, O Good One, Who waxest wroth with the sinner and desirest to hear him say: I have sinned: Look kindly upon those not yet firmly established in Thy path. I have sinned against them; make them more often to turn back unto Thee, and offer them Thy Divine healing, that they may be able to love only Thee, and praise Thee and serve Thee in everything, lest at any time they be estranged from the glorious city of Jerusalem. But once the burden of the flesh is dissolved, let them enjoy in heavenly places the blessed gift of life eternal. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR THE PATRIARCH / CHIEF HIERARCH*

**O** God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, mercifully regard Thy servant our (Patriarch or Chief Hierarch), N., whom Thou hast willed to appoint as the foremost shepherd of Thy Church: grant unto him, we beseech, to profit those over whom he is set by both word and example, that together with the flock entrusted to him he may attain unto life everlasting. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR THE BISHOP*

**O** Lord, we beseech Thee to govern Thy servant, our (Arch)Bishop N., and by the intercession of blessed Mary the Mother of God, and of all Thy Saints, multiply in him the gifts of Thy grace, that he may be delivered from all evil, and that lacking not in temporal aid, he may rejoice in the teachings of life eternal. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL BY ST. PATRICK*

**M**ay the strength of God guide us,  
 May the power of God preserve us,  
 May the wisdom of God instruct us,  
 May the hand of God protect us,  
 May the way of God direct us,  
 May the shield of God defend us,  
 May the Angels of God guard us,  
 Against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us! May Christ be before us! May Christ be in us, Christ be over all! May Thy Grace, Lord, always be ours, this day, and, O Lord, for evermore. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL BY ST. IRENAEUS OF LYONS*

**O** Father, give perfection to beginners, understanding to little ones, and help to those that are running their course. Give sorrow to the negligent, fervour to the lukewarm, and a good consummation to the perfect. **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR A MONASTERY*

**O** God, Who dost prepare a dwelling in heaven for those that renounce the world: enlarge the temporal dwelling of the congregation of the Holy N. (*their patron*) with the good things of heaven, that they may be bound with the bond of brotherly love, keep the precepts of abstinence with one heart and mind, with sobriety, with simplicity and stillness, and may they come to know grace, given them in abundance. Let their lives be in harmony with their names, and let their profession be visible in their deeds. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR UNITY BY ST. DIONYSIUS OF ALEXANDRIA*

**O** God the Father, Source of everything Divine, Who art good surpassing all goodness and just surpassing all justice, in Whom is tranquility, as well as peace and harmony, heal Thou our divisions and restore us to the unity of love, which is akin to Thy Divine nature. Let the bond of charity and the ties of Divine affection make us one in the Spirit,

by Thy peace which maketh all things peaceable. This we beseech through the grace, mercy, and compassion of Thine only-begotten Son, our O Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR CATECHUMENS*

**O** Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, hearken to our prayers for our Catechumens N. & N., that Thou, O our God and Lord, mayest open the ears of their hearts, and the door of Thy mercy, that, having received the remission of all their sins through the laver of regeneration, they also may be found in Christ Jesus our Lord. O almighty, everlasting God, Who unceasingly dost fructify Thy Church with new sons and daughters, increase the faith and understanding of our Catechumens N. & N., that, having been born again in the font of Baptism, they may be added to the children Thou hast adopted. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*2. Prayers For Family & Friends*

*PRAYER FOR ONE'S FAMILY*

**O** Master, O Lord God almighty, Who hast made all things wondrously, and hast created all by Thine arrangement, and Who hast commanded the state of childbirth to be from the union of man and woman, and hast commanded us to show consideration and love for father and mother, hearken to me, merciful God, crying to Thee for my father N., and for my mother N. (for Thou hast been pleased in Thy providence to make provision for me the very lowly through them both) that Thou wouldst protect, and defend from all evil, my brothers and sisters, and all my family, who are united to me a sinner from the consanguinity of the flesh, both the living and the departed, whose names and justice are known to Thee, O Lord and God of all: and wouldst dispose them upon the path of salvation, and wouldst not permit them to finish their days before Thou forgive their sins, through a genuine confession, and a genuine amendment of all their misdeeds, that Thou mayest make them, once they have laid aside the flesh, worthy of heavenly communion. Hear me, O most gentle God, although I am very wretched, praying to Thee for the souls of Thy servants and handmaidens, N. and N., who have given us their alms, and whose names are written with us, and who have commended themselves to our prayers, so that Thou wouldst of Thy mercy bring Thy good gifts upon them, and be pleased to gather them that place where those who please Thee are, O O Saviour of the world, Who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest unto ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR THOSE IN HERESY OR SCHISM*

**O** Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, hearken to our prayers for the heretics and schismatics, N. & N., that Thou, O our God and Lord, mayest rescue them from all errors, and be pleased to summon them once again to their holy mother, the Catholic and Apostolic Church. O almighty, everlasting God, Who savest all men, and wishest no one to perish: look down upon those souls which have been deceived by the trickery of the Devil, that laying aside all heretical distortions, the hearts of the erring may come to their senses, and return to the unity of Thy truth. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR THOSE IN JEWISH UNBELIEF*

**O** Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, hearken to our prayers for the unbelieving Jews, N.N., that Thou, O our God and Lord, mayest take away the veil from their hearts, that they also may come to know Christ Jesus our Lord. O almighty, everlasting God, Who dost not reject from Thy mercy even the unbelief of the Jews, hearken to the prayers which we bring before Thee for the blindness of that people, that having come to know the light of Thy truth, which is Christ, they may be delivered from their darkness. O Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR PAGANS & IDOLATERS*

**O** Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, hearken to our prayers for the pagans, N. & N., that Thou, O almighty God, mayest take away the iniquity from their hearts, that forsaking their idols, they may be converted to the living and true God, and His only Son, Jesus Christ our God and Lord, with Whom He liveth and reigneth, together with the Holy Spirit. O almighty, everlasting God, Who unceasingly seekest not the death of sinners, but their life: mercifully receive our prayer, and deliver N. & N. from the worship of idols, and gather them into Thy Holy Church, to the praise and glory of Thy name. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR A LIVING FRIEND*

**O** God, Who justifiest the wicked and desirest not the death of sinners: we humbly entreat Thy majesty that Thou mercifully protect Thy (servant) N., confiding in Thy mercy, with heavenly aid, and preserve (him) by continual protection, that (he) may continually serve

Thee, and by no temptations be separated from Thee. **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE*

**A**lmighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy (servant) N., and of Thy mercy direct (him) into the way of eternal salvation, that by Thy gift (he) may desire what is pleasing unto Thee, and perform it with (his) whole heart. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR ONE SICK OR AFFLICTED*

**A**lmighty, everlasting God, eternal salvation of believers, hearken unto us for the sake of Thy (servant) N., for whom we implore the aid of Thy mercy: that, (his) health having been returned to (him), (he) may render Thee thanks among Thy congregation. **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR ONE SICK*

**O** Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, Who strengthenest the fragility of the human estate by pouring out the good pleasure of Thy might, so that our bodies and limbs might be invigorated by the healthful cures of Thy loving-kindness: graciously bow Thyself down over Thy (servant) N., that with every necessity of bodily infirmity taken away from (him), there may be restored in (him) the perfect grace of (his) original soundness. **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR ONE SICK & NEAR DEATH*

**O** almighty, everlasting God, preserver of souls, Who dost chastise those whom Thou lovest, and awakenest to amendment those whom Thou receivest lovingly: we call upon Thee, **O** Lord, that Thou mayest be pleased to bestow Thy healing upon the soul of Thy (servant) N., who in (his) body suffereth the weakness of its members, the violence of its belabouring, the stings of its infirmities. Grant (him), Thy grace, **O** Lord, that in the hour of (his) departure from the body, (his) soul may be worthy of being presented to Thee by the hands of Thy holy Angels without the blemish of sin, since it was Thou that gavest the soul to (him). **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.



*PRAYER FOR TAKING MEDICINE*

**O** Christ, Son of the living God, by the touch of Whose garment's hem the woman was made whole from an issue of blood by her faith: grant, I beseech Thee, through the righteousness of Thy holy Protomartyr Stephen, who first rendered Thee the recompense of his death for having died for our sakes, that by this medicine every pestilence-bearing bodily fluid may be driven out of my body, that once my senses are made clear I may be enabled to persevere entirely in Thy service. Amen.

*PRAYERS FOR A PREGNANT WOMAN*

**O** God, Who didst consecrate the most blessed Virgin and mother Mary in her conceiving and childbirth, and didst deliver Jonas the Prophet from the belly of the fish by Thy mighty power: protect Thy pregnant handmaiden N., and visit her with Thy salvation, that in joy she may bring to light the child enclosed within her, and that it may arrive at the grace of the saving laver. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER OF—OR FOR—A PREGNANT WOMAN**PSALM 1*

**B**lessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly ∴ nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the pestilent.

But his will is rather in the law of the Lord ∴ and in His law will he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like the tree which is planted by the streams of the waters ∴ which shall bring forth its fruit in its season.

And its leaf shall not fall ∴ and all things whatsoever he may do shall prosper.

Not so are the ungodly, not so ∴ but rather they are like the chaff which the wind doth hurl away from the face of the earth.

For this reason shall the ungodly not stand up in judgment ∴ nor sinners in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous ∴ and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**O** Glory be... | As it was... (p. 1)

Mary brought **O** forth Christ. **O** Anna brought forth Mary. **O** Elizabeth brought forth John. **O** Cecilia brought forth Remigius. **O** So may almighty God grant me (thee) to bring forth joyfully at the season of perfect maturity. Amen.

*For the Service of Churching, see p. 224.*

### 3. *Prayer For Benefactors*

**O** Lord, almighty God, O mighty and eternal Physician, Who in Thy mercy hast promised pardon and remission of sins and healing for their souls to Thy faithful by their distribution of alms: hear me, O kind and gentle One, for the sake of all Thy faithful who have given us their alms, or who by faith in Thy majesty have commended themselves to our prayers, both the living and the departed, the sound and the infirm, and may my prayers come into the ears of Thy mercy, for I pour them out in Thy presence for their salvation. Look not upon my sins, O Lord, but upon the faith of N. & N., who bestowed temporal goods upon us, having faith in Thy name, that Thou, O God, Who repayest all good deeds, wouldst be pleased to repay them greater things for lesser, and for earthly things, everlasting rewards, O O Saviour of the world, Who livest and reignest unto the ages of ages. Amen.



### 4. *Prayers For Prisoners*

**O** God of forgiveness, God of all comfort, Thee we humbly entreat that Thou wouldst mercifully absolve Thy (servant) N. from all the chains of (his) sins: and from those for which (he) is held prisoner with the fetters of his enemies—the blessed Theotókos Mary interceding, and the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and John—mayst Thou receive (him) repentant, with Thy fatherly love, and bring (him) to joys eternal. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR PRISONERS & GUARDS BY ST. CYPRIAN OF CARTHAGE*

**M**ost gracious Father, bless with Thine especial care all penitentiaries and homes of refuge. Look with pity on those that are housed there. Guide and protect those that have returned to the world. Grant all of them true contrition for their past sins, and strengthen them in their good resolutions. Lead them from grace to grace, so that by the help of the Holy Spirit they may persevere in the ways of obedience and humility, and in the struggle against evil thoughts and desires. Grant the Holy Spirit to those engaged in teaching and training them, that they might have a right judgment with respect to those entrusted to them. May they labour for love of Thee with deep humility and singleness of purpose, purity of heart and life, and genuine zeal for Thy glory and the salvation of souls. Give them faith and charity to sustain them in disappointment; love and patience towards those under them; and, in due time, crown their work with an eternal recompense. Amen.

### 5. *For All, Living & Dead*

**A**lmighty, everlasting God, Who rulest quick and dead alike, and hast mercy on those whom Thou foreknowest by their faith and works to be Thine hereafter: we humbly beseech Thee on behalf of those for whom we have decided to pour forth our supplications; and whom either this present world yet retaineth in the flesh, N. & N., or the future world hath received, they having laid aside their mortal bodies, N. & N., that through Thy mercy they may be found worthy to obtain forgiveness for all their sins and joys eternal. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 6. *Prayers For the Departed*

The complete services of prayer for those departed begin on p. 285.

#### *PRAYER FOR YOUR PARENTS DEPARTED*

**O** God, Who hast commanded us to honour our father and mother: graciously have mercy upon the souls of my father, N. and mother, N., and forgive all their sins, and make me to see them in the joy of brightness everlasting. **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

#### *PRAYER FOR A DEPARTED FRIEND*

**M**ost loving God, receive the soul of Thy servant N. in the bosom of Abraham Thy patriarch, and join it unto all the Saints and elect: but lest the guilt of the flesh injure it with suffering, let the compassion of Thy tender mercy avail it unto forgiveness. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

According to the Western Orthodox tradition, alms should be given to the needy for the welfare of the departed, especially throughout the year after their death.



### PRAYERS IN TIME OF TROUBLE

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#### *PRAYER AGAINST EVIL THOUGHTS*

**A**lmighty and gentlest God, behold our prayers mercifully, and free our hearts from the temptation of wicked thoughts, that we may

deserve to be made a fitting dwelling-place for the Holy Spirit. **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYERS AGAINST TEMPTATIONS OF THE FLESH*

**O** Lord Jesus Christ, save us from the mouth of the lion most rageful, who roaring goeth about seeking whom he may devour from the unity of Thy Church. But do Thou, **O** most mighty lion of the tribe of Juda, crush the opposing evil of his power, and preserve the bodies and purify the minds of us who have been delivered from his fiery assault. **O** Who liveth and reigneth with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

**S**et our reins and our heart aflame with the fire of the Holy Spirit, **O** Lord, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body and please Thee with a pure heart. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

See also the Prayer of St. Augustine, for Chastity, p. 362.



*PRAYER AGAINST THUNDERSTORMS & TORNADOES*

**W**e beseech Thee, **O** Lord, that spiritual wickedness may be driven away from this house, and that the fierceness of ærial tempests might depart. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER AGAINST LIGHTNING*

**A**lmighty, everlasting God, spare them that are afraid, and be merciful to Thy suppliants, that after the perilous fires of the clouds and the force of the storms, the threat of their power might become an occasion for Thy praise. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER AGAINST DESTROYERS OF THE CHURCH*

**A**lmighty and most merciful God, with Whom is no unrighteousness, grant unto us that they who invade and lay waste the goods of Thy holy places may be swiftly corrected and chastised. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM PAGANS*

**O** everlasting Trinity, one God, in Whose power it is to put down the mighty and exalt them of low degree: we humbly beseech Thy mercy in this holy ordinance, that Thou wouldst afford Thy help to Thy whole Church, and as Thou didst deliver the children of Israël out of the hands of the Egyptians, so deliver Thy Christian people from the oppression of pagans, and give victory unto Thy servants, that the estate of Thy

Church may be raised on high, and the infidels cast down to hades by faith; so that Christians may rejoice in Thine inheritance, and that the Catholic Church may ever give thanks for the protection of Thy right hand in all things. O Who livest and reignest, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYERS IN TIME OF WAR*

O God, Ruler of all kingdoms and kings, Who both healest us by smiting us and preservest us by forgiving us: stretch forth Thy mercy over us, that we may use for our healing and correction the peace and quietness established by Thy power. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, Who dost glorify the powers which are obedient to Thee, mercifully receive, we beseech Thee, our prayers, that those who ask for the protection of Thy right hand may be overpowered by no adverse force. And may the invited defence of Thy mighty power shield Thy faithful people, that being ever devout with heartfelt affection for Thee, they may both be freed from the infestation of their enemies and persevere in Thy grace without ceasing. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER TO END A CONTENTION*

Almighty, everlasting God, Who resistest the proud and givest grace to the humble, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may not—being puffed up—provoke Thine indignation, but—being subdued—may lay hold upon the gifts of Thy gracious mercy. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*FOR MUTUAL RECONCILIATION*

O God, bestower of peace and lover of charity, grant Thy servants true concord with Thy will, that we may be freed from all the temptations that assault us. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR THE PEACE OF THE CHURCH*

Be pleased, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to accept the prayers of Thy Church, that all adversities and errors destroyed, she may serve Thee in steadfast freedom. And grant Thy peace in our times. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND*

O God Who with wonderful providence orderest all things: we humbly beseech Thee that, delivering out of the hands of the enemies of the Cross the land which Thine only-begotten Son consecrated with His own Blood, Thou wouldst restore it unto Christian worship,

mercifully directing the longings of the faithful, who plead for its liberation, into the way of eternal salvation. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER AGAINST GOSSIPS*

**G**rant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may care nothing for the reproaches of reprobate minds, but, trampling on the same sort of depravity, we pray that Thou wouldst not suffer us to be threatened by unjust injuries, nor entangled in captious flattery, but rather love that which Thou dost command. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*LAMENT OF ST. AUGUSTINE*

**O** Lord, if before Thine eyes we compare the sins which we have committed and the afflictions which we have sustained, what we suffer is less; greater still is what we deserve. We comprehend the penalty for sin, and do not fly from the stubbornness of sinning. Under thy scourges our weak nature is broken, and our iniquity continueth unchanged. Our sick intellect is tormented, but our stiff neck is not bowed. Our soul sigheth in its grief, and yet doth not, in fact, amend. If Thou waitest for us, we are not corrected, but if Thou punishest us, we are less hardened. In being rebuked, we confess what we have done, but when Thou visitest us, we forget what we wept for. If Thou layest Thy hand upon us, we promise to do many a thing, and even though Thou hangest a sword over us, we do not do what we promised. If Thou brandish it, we cry out for Thee to spare us; if Thou sparest us, again we provoke Thee to brandish it. If hardships come, we ask for time to repent; as soon as mercy hath arrived, we abuse the patience which spared us. The plague brought upon us is allayed in severity, and already the ungrateful mind cannot remember what it was suffering. If Thou shouldst hear us quickly, we become haughty from the mercy; if slowly, we murmur from impatience. O Lord, we desire Thee to continue acting but we are fearless to neglect what Thou commandest. O Lord, Thou hast guilty people who are confessing; spare us, for merciful art Thou. We know that if Thou wilt not forgive us, Thou wilt not rightly punish us. But with Thee there is great compassion and mercy super-abounding. Grant what we ask for without deserving it, for Thou hast made us out of nothing, who are asking Thee. On us who cry out to Thee, Lord, have mercy! Let the faithful and tearful words move Thy mercy, and may that tender compassion (which is our only hope) not reckon what we have done in offences, when it regardeth what we are asking. Yea, though it is a great misery for us to be sinful, greater is the compassion Thou hast that we are miserable. With Thine assistance, we prostrate ourselves before Thee, laying down both the evils of our transgressing and our

travails, and by entreating Thee we expect from Thee the mercy which we rejected by sinning. Let that prayer which Thou art besought to receive be imparted to these people for forgiveness' sake, for Thou knowest they have no confidence in their own righteousness. Lift us up, O Lord our God, and bring us relief by Thy mercy, that in the communion of salvation and the joy of charity—although what we desire for ourselves is to be saved by Thy gift—we may also rejoice for the faith and peace of all nations. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER BEFORE STUDY*

O God, Who in Wisdom—that is, Thy co-eternal Son—madest all things (Ps 103:26), grant me Thy servant a mind ready for instruction, I beseech Thee, that I may both progress in exterior studies and be worthy to become learned in eternal teachings. O Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYERS FOR TRAVEL*

The triumphant O Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: behold, the sign of the Lord, of the life-giving Cross: flee, bands of enemies. O In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, Who by the guidance of a star didst lead the three Kings of the East, Jaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, to the manger of the Lord, lead me to the places whither I purpose to go without any hindrance of adversity: and do Thou that didst lead them forward by the tidings of an Angel lead me back by Thine assistance. O Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Angel who art my guardian through the mercy of heaven, safeguard, defend, and shepherd me who am entrusted to thee. O blessed Angel, messenger of our God, guide my deeds to please our most high God.

May the imperial Majesty bless me; the royal Divinity protect me; the everlasting Godhead preserve me; the glorious Unity cherish me; the limitless Trinity defend me; the measureless Good guide me. May the might of the Father rule me; the wisdom of the Son quicken me; the power of the Holy Spirit enlighten me, God the Alpha and Omega,<sup>1</sup> and so may this blessing be my safety and protection now and for ever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> Alpha and omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, and therefore they signify 'beginning' and 'end.' See Apocalypse (Revelation) 1:8, 21:6, and 22:13.

*ANOTHER PRAYER*

**N**ow I ask for the greatest help of God the Father to be with me. I implore the aid of Jesus Christ Who is born of the Virgin Mary. I rely upon the bulwark of the Holy Spirit as well, at all times, here or abroad. May Christ take from me all dangers, and the darts of demons. Let enemies not capture me, nor robbers, nor thieves, nor plunderers of the world. Let not the waves of the sea harm me, nor rivers, nor waters, nor any spirits. That in darkness, or winds, or rivers, or in the strong and propitious winds of the sea, I may be set free from all dangers. Christ Who is with me will conquer the dangerous and pestilential beasts of the earth and waters. He will conquer the deadly weapons of the air; He will conquer all lightnings of thunder. He will conquer any poison of serpents, He will conquer the savage poisons of the world, that all these things which I have named may not harm me, nor my companions. Whole am I, whole are my companions, without loss we shall make our way unharmed. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR OTHERS TRAVELLING*

**O** Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, I implore Thine immeasurable mercy with very humble prayers, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to direct the journey of Thy (servants) N.N., with (their) possessions, in prosperity, and wouldst preserve (them) amidst the changes and chances of (their) journey and of this life, that being upheld by the bulwark of Thine Angels, armed with the intercession of the Saints, defended from all hostile forces by Thy compassion, having attained Thy protection and (their) returning homeward with joy, (they) may both partake in the prayers of the righteous, and make merry in the remission of (their) sins. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

**PRAYERS FOR GOOD DEATH***PRAYER OF ST. MELANIE THE YOUNGER*

**I** have consecrated my entire self to Thee, and taking me by Thy right hand Thou hast led me with Thy counsel. But in my human frailty I have sinned both in word and deed many times against Thee, Who alone art pure and sinless. Therefore, accept my prayer together with the tears I offer Thee through Thy Saints, the victors in the arena. Purify me, Thy

poor handmaid, so that my passage may be hastened when I depart for Thee. Amen.

*FOR GOOD DEATH, WITH AN INTERCESSION*

**O** Lord God, Father almighty, Who hast promised rewards to the righteous and forgiveness to them that do wrong, Who neither desirest the death of sinners nor rejoicest in the loss of them that are dying: I humbly entreat Thee that Thou wouldst give me Thy (servant) N., by the righteousness of the All-Holy Theotokos Mary, and that of all Thy Saints and elect, remission of all my sins, and wouldst lead me to that repentance by which Thou didst rescue David, and hadst regard to Peter as he wept, and didst cleanse Mary Magdalene. Lord Jesus Christ, cast out of my heart the things that displease Thee, and pour upon me such love that I may be able to love and fear Thee perfectly, so that I may neither think about nor set my hope upon anything unless I know that it pleaseth Thee, Lord. I entreat thee, most-blessed Virgin Mary, temple of the Lord, sanctuary of the Holy Spirit. I entreat you also, holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, and you holy Angels assigned as our guardians, together with the nine orders of Angels, that ye intercede for me, and you, Peter, Paul, Andrew, John, and all the Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, and all the Saints and God's elect, that ye would condescend to pray for me, when I will be presented for judgment before the tribunal of the eternal King. I commend to Thee, O all-loving Jesus Christ, all those who love me and who take care of me, and who offer me works of mercy, and all my debtors and neighbours, and even for mine enemies I ask: that Thou wouldst turn them towards peace, and grant them to repent truly. I entreat Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou wouldst mercifully number, and command to be visited, all those who make remembrance of me, and have commended themselves to mine unworthy prayers, and expended upon me their charity and kindness, as well as those who are close to me by blood-ties or intimacy, both those who remain in the body and those who are covered with burial earth, that those who serve faithfully may be defended from all adversities, and that Thou wouldst absolve me from all punishments, and lead me into ever-unending rest. And this I very greatly implore: that when the day of my death arriveth, Thou Who judgest against accusers wouldst Thyself be my defender, O Thou that art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER AT APPROACH OF DEATH*

**O** Lord, hear my prayer, for I know now that my time is at hand. Grant me, O Lord, wisdom and understanding, and illumine me, as Thou didst illumine Mary with the Holy Spirit. I entreat Thee, O Lord, that Thou illumine my heart with the Holy Spirit, for my sins are

altogether countless. Grant me, O Lord, that I may be worthy to blot them out by faith and charity and by Thy wondrous name, and in what day soever I call upon Thee, be pleased to hear me, as Thou didst hear Tobias and Sara. Pour tears upon me, as Thou didst pour water over the earth, for my heart is hard as a rock. Lord, I have sinned exceedingly in my life and all mine iniquities I acknowledge. I ask Thee, Lord, I cry to Thee with a mighty roar: stretch Thou forth Thy right hand and deliver me from mine adversary, as Thou didst deliver the three youths, Sidrac, Misaac, and Abdenago, from the furnace of burning fire. Now also, O Lord God, heavenly King, grant me wisdom, self-restraint, faith, hope, charity, truth, and humility, that I may be worthy to advance and persevere in good works. O Lord, make my heart desire what good thing soever I have uttered and have thought to utter, what good thing soever I have heard of in all my years. I entreat Thee, Lord, I praise Thee, I worship Thee, I magnify Thee, I glorify Thee, I bless Thee with all Thy Saints. I beseech Thee to send all Thy holy Angels, Archangels, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Evangelists, Martyrs and Confessors and Virgins, to mine aid. I pray and supplicate, Lord, that Thou hear me and grant me a path of truth, that I may be found worthy to be saved. Lord, I have sinned greatly against others, and how much more against Thee, my God? For I have sinned so much that there is no counting the evils I have perpetrated from my youth up. And do Thou, O Lord, King of eternal glory, Who wast pleased to redeem me by Thy precious Blood, and didst place Thyself on the Tree for me, not because I deserved it, but because of Thy great mercy, have mercy on me, that I may not enter that most terrible place which is for ever without refreshment, without sweetness, and without light, and will last for ever, for in death there is none that is mindful of Thee, and in hades who will confess Thee? (Ps 6:6) Have mercy on me, and hear me trusting in Thee, as Thou didst hear Mary Magdalene and Martha beseeching Thee to go to the sepulchre to raise up Lazarus. Blot out all mine iniquities which I have committed from the beginning of my life to this day. Now I supplicate Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, Who art merciful and compassionate, grant, we beseech Thee, to all that call upon Thee, a good end and good perseverance. And I beg Thee, O Lord, and humbly pray Thee, that Thou wouldst listen to my prayer. O Who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER OF ST. HILARY OF POITIERS*

**O** Holy Trinity, I pray, preserve the unspotted piety of my faith, even until the departure of my breath. Grant me this word of my conscience, that what I professed in this symbol of my rebirth when I was

baptized in the **O** Father and Son and Holy Spirit I may ever attain, namely, that I may worship Thee, our Father, and Thy Son together with Thee, and may be worthy of Thy Holy Spirit, Who is from Thee through Thine only-begotten Son. For He is a reliable witness to me for this faith, saying, “Father, all My things are Thine, and Thine are Mine.” (Jn 17:10) My God is Jesus Christ, **O** abiding in Thee, and from Thee, and with Thee, God for ever, Who is blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.



### PRAYERS FOR FASTING DAYS

**O** Lord, give our fastings a saving effect, we beseech Thee, that the bodily chastisement we have taken up may redound to the quickening of our souls. **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

**O** Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, grant that together with our body’s abstinence, our mind may also turn away from lawless thoughts. And that which we refuse in fleshly feastings of a worldly appeal, may we cut off in the evil designs of our human will, that by means of mature fasting we may make ourselves worthy to partake piously and savingly of the Holy Things which are for the holy. **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

#### FOR A VIGIL

**O** Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, we humbly beseech Thee that we may be helped by the intercessions of Saint(s) N. (& N.), whose feast we precede with prayer and fasting. Mayst Thou cause us to celebrate (his) approaching solemn feast in such wise that we may be found worthy to stand on Thy right hand in the day of judgment, and to receive the things of heaven. **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.



### PRAYERS FOR VIRTUES & BLESSINGS

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*PRAYER FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN*

**O** God the Father almighty, O Master of heaven and earth, lead me by the mercy of Thy compassion, I entreat Thee, where thousands of Angels are forever resplendent, praising the King of kings with boundless glory ...

Where the four and twenty elders lie prostrate, praising the Lamb of God in sight of the Throne.

Where the four mystical creatures are, all full of eyes, so wondrous and great.

Where the twice two rivers flow, watered by the one dew of their fountain.

Where the Patriarchs who were first to believe in God are reigning with Him unendingly, citizens of the city of God.

Where the pure Prophets, full of the Holy Spirit, are praising Christ together, in the clear witness of His true light.

Where Holy Mary and the holy Virgins are delighting in the rewards of life on thrones exalted.

Where Peter and Paul, with Christ's Apostles, are reigning with the King, sitting upon their thrones.

Where the multitudes of Innocents are following the Lamb and blooming with the gentle flower of virginity.

Where Christ's Martyrs, clad in robes of white, singing unto Christ, are in possession of the palm of life. Where the holy Virgins possess great

purity, the palm of royal glory of the kingdom.

Where the multitudes of Saints, singing to the Lord, are rejoicing with unshakable peace in the land of the living.

Where happiness is.

Where security is.

Where health is for ever.

Where purity of mind is.

Where there is no sorrow.

Where there is no turmoil of mind or anger, nor the pain of those that toil.

Where no one is hungry, where no one is thirsty.

Where fire doth not burn us.

Where no one perisheth.

Where the elderly doth not remain so.

Where the youth flourisheth.

Where damage doth not cause grief.

Where no poor man weepeth.

Where endless peace is.

Where joy is.

Where no troubles are.

Where life is genuine.

Where no bitter death is.

Where the things of God are for ever.

Where evils do not harm.

Where love is steadfast.

Where joy is true.

Where there is a pure drink,

full of eternal life.  
 Where the glorious name of  
 Christ is reigning upon the  
 Throne.  
 Where there is good order for  
 everything.  
 Where there is health for all.  
 Where unity is.  
 Where Divinity is.  
 Where Trinity is.  
 Where true Truth is.  
 Where Divine power is.  
 Where the God of gods is.  
 Where the Lord of lords is.

Where the King of kings is.  
 Where the choirs of the heavens  
 are.  
 Where the Light of Light is.  
 Where the living Fountain  
 shineth to the uttermost part  
 of heaven.  
 Where the voice of praise  
 resoundeth to the Lord our  
 King.  
 Where there is no darkness.  
 Where there is the kingdom of  
 kingdoms, unto the ages of  
 ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR TRUE LOVE, BY ST. COLUMBA OF SCOTLAND*

**O** Lord, grant us immortal love, which will enkindle our lamps but not consume them, so that they may shine in us and bring light to our neighbours. Most dear Saviour, enkindle Thou our lamps, that they may shine forever in Thy temple. May we receive unquenchable light from Thee, that our darkness may be illuminated and the world's darkness be diminished. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR FAITH, HOPE, & CHARITY*

**O** almighty and everlasting God, Who with Thy finger writest in the hearts of believers the righteousness of Thy law, bestow upon us growth in faith, hope, and charity; and so that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE FOR CHASTITY*

**M**y most gracious Master, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, King of virgins, lover of chastity and purity, extinguish by the dew of Thy heavenly blessing all the fury of burning lust in my body, that an unbroken estate of chastity may abide in me, soul and body. Put to death in my members all stings of the flesh and all lustful associations. And give me true and perfect chastity, with Thine other gifts which please Thee in truth, that I may be able to offer Thee the sacrifice of praise daily with a chaste body and a pure heart. **O** Who livest and reignest, God through all ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR WISDOM*

**O** God, Who by the Wisdom Co-eternal with Thyself didst create man when he did not exist, and when he was lost didst mercifully renew

him: grant, we beseech Thee, that with His inspiration in our souls, we may love Thee with our whole soul, and follow Thee with our whole heart. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR PEACE*

**G**rant peace, O Lord, in our days, for there is none that fighteth for us except Thou, O our God. Ps. 121:7:

∿ Let peace be now in Thy strength. ℞ And prosperity in Thy palaces.

**L**et us pray. O God, from Whom holy desires, right counsels, and righteous deeds proceed, give Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, both that our hearts may be given over to Thy commandments, and that once the fear of our enemies is lifted, the times may—by Thy protection—be peaceful. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR THE VIRTUES, BY ST. JEROME OF BETHLEHEM*

**O** Lord Jesus Christ, Who wast pleased to create me in Thine image, and to redeem me with Thy precious Blood, Who in the womb of my mother didst knit my members together, and didst bring me out into the light of this life: I pray Thy sweetest mercy that Thou vouchsafe to illumine me with Thy heavenly light, and show me the paths to Paradise, and bring me into the haven of everlasting salvation. O most merciful Lord, vouchsafe to kindle the fire of Thy love in me, to burn up my sins and kindle me to long after Thee for ever, and may the Holy Spirit dwell in my heart, to teach me to do Thy will. O Lord, O most compassionate Father, soften my hard and stony heart. Grant me compunction of heart, that for the guilt of my sins I may pour out an abundance of tears before Thy mercy. Grant me, O Lord, the tears of Mary, who anointed Thy feet with ointment, watered them with her tears, and wiped them with her hair. Grant me the faith of the robber who when placed upon the cross confessed Thee, saying: Remember me, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom (Lk 23:42), and was found worthy to hear, “Amen I say to thee, that shalt be with Me this day in Paradise” (:43). Give me, O almighty God, that on that day when Thou commandest my soul to be separated from my body, I may be found worthy to hear a gentle sentence, and may Holy Angels bring my soul to the joys of the righteous. But may the evil angels depart from me in sorrow. Let my prayer be set forth unto Thee, O Lord, as incense in Thy sight. (Ps. 140:1) Hearken, O Lord, unto my voice, wherewith I cried: Have mercy on me and hearken unto me. (Ps. 26:13) O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto Thee. Amen. (Ps. 101:1)

*PRAYER FOR VIRTUE, OF ST. COLUMBAN*

**O** Lord God, destroy and uproot whatsoever the adversary hath planted within me, that once mine iniquities are destroyed, Thou mayest place understanding and a good work upon my mouth and within my heart; that I may serve only Thee in my work and will, and may understand Thy commandments, and seek after Thee. Give me recollection. Give me charity. Give me purity. Give me faith. Give every thing which Thou knowest to be conducive to the productiveness of my life. O Lord, work in me a good thing, and grant me what Thou knowest to be fitting, O O Thou that hast dominion unto the ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE*

**O** Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst pass from this world to Thy Father, and lovedst them that were in the world (Jn 13:1): make me to cross over, in my soul, from earthly things to heavenly, to scorn all transitory things, and to hope for heavenly things alone, and to be kindled with the Spirit-imparting flame of Thy love. And Thou, O God, Who didst humble Thyself to wash the feet of Thy holy Apostles with Thy very most holy hands, purify my heart, pouring the radiance of the Holy Spirit therein, that I may be enabled truly to love Thee in all things and above all things, O our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*PRAYER OF ST. APOLLONIUS OF ROME, TO LIVE RIGHTLY*

**O** Lord Jesus Christ, grant us a measure of Thy Spirit. Help us to obey Thy teaching, soothe anger, cultivate compassion, overcome desires, increase love, cast off sorrow, shun vainglory, renounce revenge, and to be unafraid of death. May we ever entrust our spirit to the everlasting God O Who with Thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth unto the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT, BY ST. AUGUSTINE OF AFRICA*

**H**oly Spirit, powerful Consoler, sacred Bond of the Father and the Son, Hope of the afflicted, descend into my heart and establish in it Thy loving dominion. Enkindle in my tepid soul the fire of Thy love so that I may be wholly subject to Thee. We believe that when Thou dwellest in us, Thou also dost prepare a dwelling for the Father and the Son. Deign, therefore, to come to me, Consoler of abandoned souls, and Protector of the needy. Help the afflicted, strengthen the weak, and support the wavering. Come and purify me. Let no evil desire take possession of me. Thou lovest the humble and resistest the proud. Come to me, O glory of the living, and hope of the dying. Lead me by Thy grace, that I may be pleasing to Thee for ever. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR NIGHTLY FEARS, BY ST. AUGUSTINE OF AFRICA*

**O** God our Father, Who inspirest us to pray, and dost bestow that for which Thou art besought (for when we pray to Thee, our life is bettered): hearken unto me, trembling in this darkness, and extend me Thy right hand. Stretch forth Thy light unto me; summon me out of errors; and, led by Thee, I shall come to myself, and unto Thee. Amen.

**PRAYERS FOR GOOD GIFTS**

1. For Rain
2. For the Crops
3. For God's Protection—the Breastplate Prayers (next page)

*PRAYER FOR RAIN*

**O** God, in Whom we live, move, and have our being, grant us seasonable rain: that, sufficiently assisted by Thy support in this life, we may with greater confidence aspire after things everlasting. **O** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR RAIN*

**O** Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, we beseech Thy mercy that the ruined fields may be irrigated by fecund showers, that the burnings of summer heat may be allayed in their regard, and the burning of great diseases be quenched. And so that we may be worthy of these things, do Thou by Thy generosity loosen the sins which war against us. **O** Thou Who rainest upon the just and the unjust: once our offences have also been unbound, mayest Thou endow us with the gifts we have awaited from the clouds, and whereby health and nourishment may be granted us. **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYERS FOR THE CROPS*

*Say over the fields: Grow and multiply, and fill the earth. **O** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (3x) Our Father... (3x)*

*Make a prostration, trace a cross upon the ground, bend and kiss it, then stand aright. This do thrice. Then say:*

**E**astwards I stand, for mercies I pray. I pray to our great Lord, I pray to our mighty Lord, I pray Him Who is the holy Guardian of the kingdom of heaven, of earth, and of the skies, and entreat the true and holy Mary, and heaven's might and high hall, that I may pray steadfastly that the Lord may call forth these plants for our use in this world, ...

**that He may fill this land with firm belief, and beautify this meadow of grass.**

Here the Litany of Saints (p. 151) may be sung. Then sing: Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, etc. (p. 100). And sing aloud, with arms stretched out in the form of the Cross, the Benedicite (p. 85) and the Magnificat (p. 22).

**Our Father... (3x)**

Give alms to the poor also, and then, when you first put the plough to the earth, say:

**O** earth, who broughtest forth man, mayest thou grow in the good favour of God, with food a-plenty for the needs of men.

**Grow and multiply, and fill the earth. O In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (3x) Our Father... (3x)**

*BREASTPLATE OF ST. AUGUSTINE*

**O** God, be merciful to me a sinner, and be my guardian all the days of my life. O God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, have mercy on me and send the Archangel Michael to mine aid, who may protect and defend me from all mine enemies, visible and invisible. Saint Michael the Archangel, defend me in battle, that I may not perish in the dread judgment. O Archangel of Christ Michael, by the grace of which thou hast been found worthy, I entreat thee through our Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, that thou wouldst rescue me today and at all times, from all dangers of body and soul. Holy Michael, Holy Gabriel, Holy Raphael, and all holy Angels and Archangels, come to mine assistance. I beseech you, all ye heavenly Powers, that by the highest power, which is of God, ye would be an assistance for me your servant, that no enemy may be able to harm me, neither sleeping nor waking, not on the road, not at table, not at home, not outside the home, not in fire, not in water, not in any type of sudden death. Behold the O Cross of the Lord; flee, bands of enemies; the Lion of the tribe of Juda, of the lineage of David, the root of Jesse, hath prevailed, alleluya. O Saviour of the world, save me, Thou that by Thy Cross and Blood hast redeemed me, help me, O my God. O Agios. O Agios. O Agios. Cross of Christ, save me. O Cross of Christ, defend me. O Cross of Christ, protect me from all danger of soul and body. O In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Our Father... (p. 1)

*BREASTPLATE OF THE HOLY ANGELS*

**L**ord Jesus Christ, be with me, that Thou mayest defend me; be within me, that Thou mayest refresh me; be round about me, that Thou mayest preserve me; be before me, that Thou mayest guard me; be

beneath me that Thou mayest lift me up; be above me, that Thou, with Thy generous right hand, mayest bless me. O Single and Threefold, mayest thou preserve me unendingly. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. O O holy Michael, be my breastplate. O O holy Gabriel, be my helmet. O O holy Raphael, be my shield. O O holy Uriel, be my defender. O O holy Cherubim, be my health. O O holy Seraphim, be my truthfulness. And may all the holy Angels and Archangels keep, protect, and defend me, and lead me into life everlasting. Amen.



### PRAYERS FOR THE ANIMALS

1. For Animal Friends | 2. For Sick Animals | 3. Against Infestation

#### *PRAYER OF ST. BASIL FOR ANIMAL FRIENDS*

**O** God, grant us a deeper sense of companionship with all living things, our little brothers and sisters to whom Thou hast given this earth as home, in common with us. We recall with remorse that in the past we have acted high-handedly and cruelly in exercising our domain over them. Thus the voice of the earth, which should have risen to Thee in song, is become a groan of travail. May we understand that all these creatures live not only for us, but for themselves and for Thee, and that they love the sweetness of life even as we do, and serve Thee better in their way than we do in ours. Amen.

#### *PRAYER FOR SICK ANIMALS*

**O** God, Who hast supplied consolations to the labours of man also by the speechless animals: humbly do we beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst not cause them to perish from our enjoying them, for without them our human condition cannot be sustained. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### *PRAYER AGAINST INFESTATION*

**O** Lord, we beseech Thee, graciously hearken to our prayers, that we who are justly punished for our sins and must bear the punishment of this plague, may be freed from it for the glory of Thy name. By Thy power may these injurious animals be driven off, so that they will do no harm to any one and will leave our fields and meadows unharmed, and so that the things sprouting and growing in these fields may honour Thy majesty and be useful in our necessities. O almighty, everlasting God, Thou Giver of all good things, Who hast mercy on all sinners, in Whose name every knee in heaven, on earth, and beneath the earth is bent, grant to us sinners by Thy grace that which we ask trusting in Thy mercy.

May we be freed from the plague of these (rodents, worms, snails, mosquitos, lice, etc.) by Thy mighty hand, and may we joyously give thanks to Thy majesty.

**I** adjure you, (mice, worms, snails, locusts, etc.), in the name of God, the almighty Father, of Jesus Christ, His only Son, and of the Holy Spirit, that ye go out from these fields and pastures and remain no more in them, but depart for places where ye can harm no one. In the name of God, the Almighty, of all the court of heaven, and of the Holy Church of God, I declare you accursed whithersoever you go, so that you will become fewer day by day. May no part of you be found here again, unless it be for the well-being of man. May He graciously grant this, Who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. Amen.



### MISSA SICCA OF THANKSGIVING

**○** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Officium & the other “choir parts”—Graduale, Alleluia, & Offerenda—are sung in a straight tone:*

**W**e have received, O God, Thy mercy, in the midst of Thy temple. According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise also unto the ends of the earth. Thy right hand is full of righteousness. (Ps. 47:10,11) ||  
 ✠ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised ✠ in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. (:1) | We have received... | ○ Glory be... As it was... | We have received...

**Kyrieléyson (3x). Xristeléyson (3x). Kyrieléyson (3x).**

#### HYMN OF THE ANGELS

Sung in a straight tone; omitted during Advent, Fore-Lent, and Lent

**G**lory be to God in the highest. | And on earth peace to men of good will. | We praise Thee. | We bless Thee. | (**bow:)** We worship Thee. | We glorify Thee. | We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. | O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father almighty. | O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. | O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, | that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us. | That takest away the sins of the world: (**bow:)** receive our prayer. | That sittest at the right hand of the Father: have mercy upon us. | For Thou only art holy. | Thou only art the Lord. | Thou only art most high. (**bow:)** O Jesus Christ, | with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of ○ God the Father. Amen.

*Leader:* ✠ O Lord, hear my prayer. ✠ And let my cry come unto Thee.

*Leader:* **Let us pray. O God, of Whose mercy there is no counting, and Whose goodness is an unfathomable treasure, we give thanks to Thy most merciful majesty for the gifts bestowed upon us, beseeching Thy kindness at all times, that Thou Who grantest their petitions to those that ask Thee, forsaking them not, wouldst prepare them for rewards to come. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. ℞. Amen.**

*Lesson:* A reading from the Book of Wisdom. O Lord my God, Thou hast exalted my dwelling place upon the earth, and I have prayed for death to pass away. I called upon the Lord, the Father of my Lord, that He would not leave me in the day of my trouble, and in the time of the proud without help. I will praise Thy name continually, and will praise it with thanksgiving, and my prayer was heard. And Thou hast saved me from destruction, and hast delivered me from the evil time. Therefore I will give thanks, and speak praise unto Thy name: O Lord my God. (Ecclus. 51:13-17)

*Graduale:* **I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. | | √. In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad. | I will bless...** (Ps. 33:1-2)

*Alleluia:* **Alleluia, alleluia. | | √. O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His name; declare among the nations His works. (Ps. 104:1) | Alleluia.**

*Gospel:* At that time, as Jesus was going to Jerusalem, He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered into a certain town, there met Him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off; and lifted up their voice, saying: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. Whom when He saw, He said: Go, show yourselves to the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were made clean. And one of them, when he saw that he was made clean, went back, with a loud voice glorifying God. And he fell on his face before His feet, giving thanks: and this was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering, said: Were not ten made clean? And where are the nine? There is no one found to return and give glory to God, but this stranger. And He said to him: Arise, go thy way: for thy faith hath made thee whole. (Lk 17:11-19)

*Offerenda:* **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He hath done for thee, Who fulfilleth thy desire with good things; thy youth shall be renewed as the eagle's. (Ps. 102:2,5) | | √. Who is gracious unto all thine iniquities; Who redeemeth thy life from corruption; Who crowneth thee with mercy and compassion. (:3,4) | Bless the Lord... | √. His righteousness is upon sons of sons, upon them that keep His testament, and remember His commandments to do them. The Lord in heaven hath prepared His throne and His kingdom ruleth over all. (:17,18) | Bless the Lord... | √. Compassionate and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering and plenteous in mercy. (:8) | Bless the Lord...**

*PREFACE / SANCTUS — Done Only if a Priest Leads*

**Priest:** It is truly meet and just, right and availing to salvation, that we should always and in all places give thanks to Thee, O Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. And at every season to praise Thee greatly and to bless Thee, for in Thee we live, and move, and have our being. And there is no season, and there is no moment through which we pass, which is empty of the good gifts of Thy loving-kindness, for the recollection to us of Thy saving works and gifts beautifieth the seasons of this present life. Wherefore, either in the renewed happiness of past joy, or recognising the season of good that shall endure, we offer unwearying thanks to Thy majesty, through Christ our Lord. By Whom Angels praise Thy majesty, Dominions worship, the Powers tremble. The heavens, and the heavenly Virtues, and the blessed Seraphim, concelebrate in one exultation. With whom command our voices also to have entrance, we beseech Thee, humbly confessing Thee, and saying:

**H**oly, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sábaoth. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Osanna in the highest. O Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Osanna in the highest. (Is. 6:3, Mt. 21:9)

*LORD'S PRAYER*

*All: Our Father, Who art in heaven... (sung as at Liturgy, p. 104)*

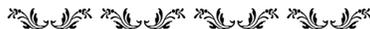
*Leader:* √. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

*Leader:* Let us pray. We beseech Thee, O almighty God, that showing gratitude to Thee for the gifts we have received, we may partake of blessings still greater. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. ℞. Amen.

*Leader:* Let us bless the Lord. ℞. Thanks be to God.

**O In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*All make a reverence "before and behind"—bowing east, then to one another.*

**PRAYERS TO THE HOLY TRINITY**

**W**e call upon Thee, we praise Thee, O Lord God, Father almighty, of Whom all paternity in heaven and on earth is named. Be present and assist us wretched ones that believe and trust in Thee, and confess our iniquity, and that presume because of Thy mercy, O most gracious Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.

We worship Thee, only-begotten Son of God, begotten and born of the Father before all ages, and one God with the Father, by Whom all things were created and have their being; deign to create us anew and summon us anew, and restore Thy likeness in us, for we are become unlike Thee, and exceedingly like wild beasts.

We worship Thee, O Holy Spirit the Paraclete, Who art the third Person in the Trinity, that breathest into and sanctifiest all spirits, bestower of all grace and virtue. Vouchsafe to breathe upon us, enlighten us, and make us righteous, for without Thee we can do nothing good, O Fountain of all grace and virtue.

We worship Thee, Holy and Undivided Trinity, Father and Son and Holy Spirit, Whom we believe and confess art one in Trinity and Trinity in Unity. Grant us and all that need Thy mercy to walk in the light of this faith and persevere therein, that we may be worthy to attain to the knowledge and vision of Thee, Thou that art the life of the Angels, and of all the saints. Amen.

*PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY WITH THE SAINTS*

(use with the St. Hilarion Calendar)

**H**oly Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, have mercy on us lowly sinners, and pardon all our sins which we have done before Thine Angels in Thy sight, through the supplications and entreaties and invokings of Thy Saints whose patronage of this church we reverence, and whose names we now recite, and whose feast days are celebrated today: N. & N. and of all Thy Saints. Merciful Holy Trinity, deliver us, with all our brothers and sisters, with all those dear to us and our parents, from all evil past, present, and to come. Amen.

*PRAYER TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*

**H**ail, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of the Virgin, Lamb of God, salvation of the world, sacrifice most holy, the Word made flesh, well of kind compassion.

Hail, Jesus Christ, praise of the Angels, glory of the Saints, vision of peace, unimpaired Divinity, true man, flower and fruit of Thy Virgin Mother.

Hail, Jesus Christ, brightness of the Father of peace, door to heaven, living Bread, Virgin's childing, vessel of purity.

O Lord Jesus Christ, O Light, origin of heaven, true joy of the world, Bread of the Angels, jubilation of the heart, O King and Bridegroom of virginity.

O Lord Jesus Christ, path of sweetness, height of truth, our reward, genuine charity, wellspring of love, our peace, sweetness, rest, and everlasting life.

## ASKING THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S SAINTS

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### 1. *The Theotókos*

**O**f peerless grace, alone without precedent a mother and a virgin, O Mary, whom the Lord so preserved unspotted in soul and body that thou couldst worthily be the one from whom the Son of God took unto Himself a body, the price of our redemption: I beseech thee, O most merciful Lady, by whose childing the whole world is brought to salvation, intercede for me, a poor and very evil sinner, who bear the stench of all iniquities, so that, in view of mine actions, I am worthy of naught else but to endure eternal punishment. But by thy prayers and intercessions, O most radiant Virgin, may I be saved and attain the endless kingdom of the heavens, Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord giving the command, He that with God His co-eternal Father O and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

**O**holy and unspotted Virgin Mary, solace and restoration of life for all the faithful, from whom the Author of our salvation humbled Himself to become incarnate, I plead to thee with humble sighs and I beseech thy most pious supplication, that it may intercede for me, the hapless and disgraceful one, to thine own Son, so that He may blot out and wipe away whatsoever in my deeds is wicked or opposed to the health of my soul, and may plant and strengthen whatsoever is useful and profitable, lest the arch-cruel adversary of the human race rejoice in my destruction. But by thy help may he be cast out and made sorrowful, and may thy holy prayers establish me in the unceasing grace of Christ, in such wise that I may persevere undefiled in soul and body alike, be humble and meek, upheld by the radiantly-shining gifts of faith, hope, and charity, so obeying all the commandments of Christ that when the last day and inheritance shall come upon me, I may be found worthy to be numbered amongst the assemblage of blessed spirits that ceaselessly wait upon Thee, thee interceding, O meekest one, Queen of heaven and earth, and Christ thy Son commanding it, He that with His co-eternal Father O and the life-giving Pnefmatos\* liveth and is glorified, one almighty God, throughout all the ends of the earth. Amen. \* Greek: 'Spirit'

**O**holy and glorious Theotókos and Ever-Virgin Mary, thou wert found worthy to bring forth into the world its Saviour: hear me and

have mercy on me, now and ever. For the honour of thy holy and all-surpassing virginity, I humbly entreat thee to be my deliverer and helper with God the almighty. I pray thee that He Who is the merciful Shepherd and Prince of peace may cleanse me from the stains of my sins, and rescue me from the darkness of hell and bring me to life everlasting. Yea, O most pure Virgin, may He that came into this world through thee and saved the human race with His own Blood, and destroyed the gates of hades, and opened the portals of the heavenly kingdom, be pleased to save and preserve me in this world by His mercy, and after the close of this fallen life bestow upon me some portion of eternal happiness in the communion of His Saints. Amen.

**O** Virgin of virgins, the Theotókos, Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Queen of the Angels and of all the world, prophecy of eternal life, radiance of the heavens, who art seen to have no predecessor like unto thee, neither one that could come after thee: By the precious Blood of thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which He shed as the price of our salvation, and by His holy and venerable and salvific Cross, at which thou deignedst to stand when He was nailed upon it for the salvation of the human race, He that is the Creator of the world, and in the midst of death's pains, which He as Son of God freely willed to suffer on the Cross for our sakes, commended thee to His holy disciple John, saying, "Behold thy mother," (Jn. 19:27) do thou help us, and by His glorious Resurrection help me a wretched and sinful (wo)man, belaboured with the weakness of my body and my soul, by thy holy righteousness and thy glorious prayers, as also in all mine afflictions and hardships and all my necessities, in this world and in the next. To Him be praise and glory and honour, Who created me a poor sinner, Whom thou, O most sacred and most pure and most holy and most blessed of all women, O Virgin Theotókos Mary, didst bring forth out of thy holy and undefiled and virginal womb to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. And by His dear name and the name of His majesty, wherewith the God of all ages is called upon and believed in by all faithful Christians, and by His most holy love: intercede in our behalf, both for our government ('king'), and for thy servant, and for our brothers and sisters as well, who have commended themselves to my prayers, and for all those who are in tribulation and in imprisonment, and for all Christian folk, and for the souls of all the faithful departed, in the presence of God, for He is the life of the world and our redemption and our salvation, and all our joy, and our refuge in every affliction and hardship which have encircled us, and all our consolation—He that humbled Himself to be born from thee, the only-begotten Son of the

highest Father, our Lord Jesus Christ. To our crucified Lord God let there be praise and dominion, honour and power and glory and thanksgiving, unto ages everlasting. Amen.

**H**oly Mother of Christ, Mary, be the helper of me thy servant, that through thy most holy intercessions I may be found worthy to attain the joys of heaven. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*REJOICES OF OUR LADY*

**R**ejoice, O Mother of our Saviour, vessel of purity containing the Pure One!

Rejoice, joyous and blessed Lady, the Father's Virgin made fruitful!  
 Rejoice, holy temple of God, providing the pattern for us all!  
 Rejoice, O thou readied for thy God, enduring for ever spotless!  
 Rejoice, gentle comforter, our mighty mediatrix upon the way!  
 Rejoice, adornment of thy King, and garment of thy Creator!  
 Rejoice, thou by whose conceiving was deceived the enemy deceiving!  
 Rejoice, pattern of uprightness, and throne of Divinity highest!  
 Rejoice, consolation of the soul, and alleviation for our fall!

**R**ejoice, Holy Mother of Christ, for He is also thine own Father!  
 Rejoice, field full of flowers, bathed in the dew of the Spirit!  
 Rejoice, star who carried the Sun, having as child the King of heaven!  
 Rejoice, sweet fountain of the gardens, and sure hope of all the fallen!  
 Rejoice, O bride of the King most high, for the Law is severed and completed!

Rejoice, thou that inspirest all with reverence, and art the ideal for us all!

Rejoice, store-house of sanctity, and lily of chaste purity!  
 Rejoice, thou in whom Life abode, house planted on the mountain!  
 Rejoice, fruit-bearing vine, wiping the tears of mourning for our death!

Rejoice, thou through whom He was begotten Who is worshipped in the heavens!

**R**ejoice, O portal of the highest Light, the highest King's pure throne!

Rejoice, through whom salvation is bestowed, and all flesh restored!  
 Rejoice, O mother and fount of Life, for the hermits prostrate before thee!

Rejoice, unburning bush, not lit by flesh's furnace! (Exod 3:4)

Rejoice, thou pure and fine, like unto manna but not earthly!

Rejoice, thou rod of Jesse, whose Flower we know as our Saviour!  
 Rejoice, gate kept ever closed by the hand of the Mighty One, even as  
 His root budded!

Rejoice, Virgin before childing, abiding in virginity after child!  
 Rejoice, O tree, by whose Fruit the world fasteth from sorrow!

**R**ejoice, O costly jewel, crimson rose which hath no thorn!  
 Rejoice, O boast of maidens, honour and strength of womenfolk!  
 Rejoice, beautiful as the moon, one peerless for the one true God!  
 Rejoice, for thou hast strangled death, and restored us to new life!  
 Rejoice, thou by whom every pain is lifted, every glory is bestowed!  
 Rejoice, thou enemy of enmity, friend and follower of peace!  
 Rejoice, compassionate star of the sea, granting safety to the mariner!  
 Rejoice, for by thee there is rest for the weary, new light and  
 dayspring for the world!

Rejoice, thou gate of Paradise, which, if I abandon, woe to me!

**R**ejoice, O peerless Virgin, thou that art called Mary!  
 Thou art a breath of air for Adam, setting our first mother free!  
 Rejoice, O thou placed in the heavens, raised on high above the  
 Thrones!

Rejoice, O highest ranked of queens, bearing Him Who is Life for our  
 souls!

Rejoice, O thou whose godly Son was sacrificed for us!

Rejoice, O thou whose mighty Son hath burst the bars of bitter death!

Rejoice, O harp who wipest away weeping, but givest gladness to the  
 grieving!

Rejoice, O jewel exceeding bright, who joinest things of earth to  
 things of heaven!

Rejoice, O full of holiness; with charity thou art smitten!



## 2. *Holy Angels of the Lord*

### *ENTREATY TO THE GUARDIAN ANGEL*

**O** angelic citizen of the heavenly court, who art assigned by God to  
 preserve my fragile life in the mercy of God! I give thee thanks for  
 thy trusty guardianship, by which thou hast been pleased to guard me  
 every day and night, throughout the hours and seconds of my life. Thou  
 art most sweet and most pleasing, my lord, and as for me, I shall follow  
 and embrace thy most pure holiness at all times. O white and fadeless lily  
 of the heavenly Paradise, the upper firmament's refulgent star, O living  
 jewel in the diadem of the eternal King! My lord, forgive me what sin

soever I have ever committed in thy sight, and grant me forgiveness from our Lord for all my transgressions. Drive away mine enemies that lay snares for me, help me in every peril of soul and body. Help my thoughts, my desires, mine intentions, my words, actions, and prayers, that they may be acceptable in the sight of the Lord, as an incense of sweetness. I commend to thee, in the day of my death, my whole life. Be with me and help me, together with thy chosen companions. And obtain for me from the Lord that my departure may be happy, and reasoning, and upright. Yea, do thou receive my humble soul and present it unto life eternal. Amen.

*ENTREATY TO THE GUARDIAN ANGEL*

**I** believe that thou art the holy Angel appointed by God almighty to guard me, wherefore I entreat, and by Him Who gave thee this rank I humbly implore, that thou wouldst at all times and in all places guard me, the weak, unworthy, and wretched sinner, throughout this life; wouldst protect and defend me from all evils; and when God commandeth my soul to pass from this place, suffer not the demons to have any power over it. But receive it gently from my body, and bring it with sweetness to the bosom of Abraham, God our Creator and Saviour bidding and helping thee, O He that is blessed unto ages of ages. ℞. Amen.

*REJOICES OF ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL*

**R**ejoice, O Michael, chieftain of the Archangels on high, by the providence of God!

Rejoice, O leader of souls to Paradise for their salvation, by the exalted compassion of God!

Rejoice, for thou hast overthrown the dragon and hast hurled him down, from heaven to hell!

Rejoice, for so thou didst wage war when thou didst conquer Lucifer with salvific might!

Rejoice, for the hosts of heaven, which are hundreds of thousands and even more—

Rejoice, —for they sing with thee the praise of God, and exult in the likeness of the blessed.

Therefore, make us to praise Him for ever with thee, and to reign with thee through ages of ages. Amen.

℣. Pray for us, blessed Michael, God's Archangel.

℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**L**et us pray. O God, Who wondrously didst beautify Mount Gargano by Thy blessed Archangel Michael, when Thou didst will the demon to take flight from that mountain-top in the shape of a poisonous serpent: grant, we beseech Thee, that by the prayers of Thy blessed Archangel

Michael, we may be found worthy to become companions of the heavenly citizens. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*TO THE HOLY ANGELS, BY ST. NOTKER (+912)*

**O** Holy Michael, who art heaven's governor, and Gabriel, delivering true annunciations of the Word, with Raphael—O ye that are native-born to life—convey us to the midst of the worshippers in Paradise. Through you are fulfilled all the commands which the Father giveth, and which His co-equal Wisdom and the Spirit give, abiding in Their single Essence. For His sake ye complete your ministrations, ye thousands of thousands sacred unto God. For to Paradise our King is leading His hundredth sheep, the tenth drachma—us begotten by the Word. Therefore, pray for us, that after Michaels' radiant battles, our incense may be acceptable to God round about His golden altar, so that we, in celestial glory, may chant together with you, 'Alleluya!'

See also the Breastplate Prayers on pp. 366 and 367.



### *3. Patriarchs & Prophets*

*REJOICES TO ST. JOHN BAPTIST*

**R**ejoice, O Baptist John, who shinedst forth as holy in thy mother's treasure-chest!

Rejoice, O flute-player of God, who, unlike the truthless sophist, didst show us the Messias!

Rejoice, O heavenly barrister, who wert worthy to become a lawyer of the law of the Most High!

Rejoice, O combatant in the arena, who as a true evangelist didst leave all things behind thee!

Rejoice, O ecclesiarch of holiness, who hast shined forth with virtues above all who tread this path!

By the prayers of John the Baptist Thy forerunner, O Jesus Christ, release us from the chains of sin. Amen.

∇ There was a man sent from God. ℞ Whose name was John. (Jn. 1:6)

**L**et us pray. O blessed Baptizer of Christ and herald of our Redeemer, John, stretch forth to us the hand of thy mercy, and help us in all our necessities and straits, and be our whole-hearted intercessor with the mercy of the most high Judge, so that we may be found worthy of being freed from all affliction and narrow straits, from danger and sin-darkness, by thine interceding prayers, and may He bring us to the light of heavenly joy. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth

and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*ENTREATIES TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST*

**H**oly John, chosen Baptizer of thy God, thou wert the Lord's forerunner and glorious Martyr. Thou art the Angel of God who art gone before the face of the Lord to prepare His way in the wilderness. (Mt. 11:10) Thou didst manifest the Lamb of God, our Master and Saviour, Who taketh away the sins of the world. (Jn. 1:29) And therefore hast thou been found worthy to be called by Him "more than a prophet." (Lk. 7:26) For thou wert worthy to baptize in Jordan's river Him Who is the Saviour of the world. Be for me a strong protection from all my seen and unseen foes, and defend me, that in the hour of my death I may not suffer the fearsome darkness of hades, but may be worthy to attain unto the company of the elect of God, by the gift of Him O to Whom be honour and glory unto ages of ages. Amen.

**O** Holy John the Baptist, who wast worthy to baptize the Saviour of the world with thy hands in the river Jordan, be a merciful intercessor for me with the merciful God our Redeemer, that He may deliver me from the darkness of sins, and bring me into the light of heavenly grace, He that taketh away the sins of the world and hath promised that the kingdom of heaven draweth nigh, O to Whom is honour and glory through all the ages of ages. Amen.

**O** holy Baptist John, who wert of the spirit and power of Elias, given to us by the Father, a very trusty forerunner of the Lord's coming, baptism, and preaching, so that no greater hath arisen among those born of women (our Redeemer Himself bearing witness, Whom when thou wert baptizing the people thou didst point out as the Lamb Who taketh away the sins of the world): intercede for me that by the salvation-bringing laver I may be found worthy in time to come of receiving His redemption, with those that are pure and unspotted. Amen.

**O** Holy John the Baptist, who prearest the hearts of the faithful lest God find in them aught wicked or lustful, we ask thee that by continual prayer thou wouldst take care to absolve our misdeeds and transgressions: that He may ever look upon His own, and be well-pleased with them, and, seeing them faithful, may make His abode in them. And be pleased to clothe us with the fleece of the Lamb which thou, with thy finger, didst manifest to take away the world's transgressions. That we may be worthy in white garments, in company with the Angels, to follow Him through the radiant gates,

O friend of Christ John! (3x)

#### 4. *Holy Apostles*

St. Peter | St. John | St. Andrew | All Apostles

##### *ENTREATY TO THE HOLY APOSTLE PETER*

**H**oly Peter, chief of the Apostles, be merciful to me, for God gave thee the power thou hast over heaven and the earth. Therefore, grant me that I may be enrolled by thee in the kingdom of heaven, for thou art its key-bearer. (Mt. 16:19) Intercede for me that God may give me rest in His heavenly court, and that thou not dismiss my soul to destruction at any time. But I beseech thee that thou wouldst receive it in the last day, and with groanings I ask and weeping I entreat, that thou come to mine assistance, and on that day place me in some pasture thereof, that I may be able to rejoice in the glorious vision of thee, and in the countenance of the Lord, where I shall behold with joy His all-pure Divinity. Amen.

##### *ENTREATY TO ST. PETER & TO OUR LORD*

**O** Holy Apostle Peter, I prostrate myself and beg thee that thou help me the unworthy with thy prayers, and I bend my knees before thee because of my terrible sins. Do Thou be pleased always to receive me in a kindly spirit, for I do acknowledge my misdeeds and ask forgiveness from God. I ask thee to help me who lie in danger, for the ungodly enemy keepeth watch for me to deceive me with his tricks. But may thy holy prayer deny him an entrance. Be a help for me against his onslaught, lest my soul, detained by the godless one, depart from its established path. He keepeth vigil to do me harm; but do thou help me by praying, so that the adversary may not be able to harm thy servant. May he, the perfidious one, be saddened; but do thou, the joyful man, rejoice with me. Drive off the adversary with thy prayers. O Most High, O glory to Thee Who art merciful in Thy Saints, and rulest for ever in the Trinity, as Lord. Amen.

##### *ENTREATY TO HOLY APOSTLE PETER*

**O** blessed Peter, mountain-peak of the Apostles, and first-ranked, and keeper of the keys to the kingdom of heaven, against which the gates of hell shall not prevail, O rock of the Church, O shepherd of Christ's sheep, mighty in strength, wondrous in joy, having the power of binding and loosing in heaven and on the earth, whose footsteps the sea obeyed, whose very shadow made whole as many of the sick as it touched: I beseech thee by His right hand which raised thee up over the waters, uplift me from the tempest of my sins, and by those tears which thou didst pour out unto the Lord, loose the chains of my misdeeds, and rescue me from the hand of all mine adversaries. Also help me, good shepherd, to obey Christ Jesus and thee in this life so that by thine interceding prayer I may be able after the course of a good life to reach the recompenses of

everlasting joy, where thou, O doorkeeper and pastor, hast victory unto ages of ages. Amen.

*REJOICES OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE*

**R**ejoice, O father on the path of righteousness, most joyous of Evangelists, star resplendent with the beams of the Sun!  
 Rejoice, for thou hast remained a flowering virgin, enticed to forsake marriage by the voice of Christ!  
 Rejoice, for thou art radiant with uniqueness in knowing hidden mysteries and in charity more full!  
 Rejoice, whilst the Son entrusteth His mother unto thee, as a peerless virgin blossom!  
 Rejoice, O thou who without pain of death wert translated like a martyr from this warfare into joy!  
 Whither, by thy watchful prayer, may the Son Who is eternal as the Father, our heavenly King, bring us. Amen.

∞ Exceedingly honourable is the blessed Evangelist John.

✠ Who at the Supper rested on the bosom of the Lord. (Jn. 21:20)

**L**et us pray. Thy Church, O Lord, do Thou graciously illumine, we beseech Thee, that being enlightened by the teachings of Thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist John, she may attain unto the good things of eternity. O Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ENTREATY TO HOLY APOSTLE JOHN*

**O** John, O virgin greatly loved by Jesus Christ, thou, being still upon the earth, didst behold the glory of the Son of God. Thou, though broken by flames and prison, didst rejoice to give testimony unto Christ. And thou dost raise the dead to life and conquer deadly poison by the name of Jesus. To thee who wert wordless in silence, the highest Father hath revealed His Word. Commend us before the presence of God by thy fervent prayers at all times,

O John, beloved of Christ (3x).

*ENTREATY TO HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW*

**O** holy Andrew, intercede for me that I may escape the unremitting flames of hard punishment. Now, beloved one, I ask thee morning and night, that I may not sleep in the death of a chained soul. O Holy Andrew, intercede for me that the enemy may not prevail exceedingly against me, for I am empty earth and ashes. O holy Andrew, forsake me not to perish with the ungodly. O holy man, be pleased to heal me at last. O Andrew the holy, be my help and ruler now, that heaven's King and Creator may be my defence. O Andrew the holy, I now trust in thee,

great soldier of Christ, for I am weak, a poor man and of no account. O Andrew the holy, O brother of Peter, truly wondrous son, mighty lamp of the law, brilliance of the highest Sun, O Andrew the holy, companion of Christ, kindly repay those who are destitute. Thou art mighty in deeds; thou art mighty in words. O Andrew the holy, thou true fisher of the human race, nourish me with the gentle word of the radiant Gospel. O Andrew the holy, thou art a manful victor, thou a mighty warrior, thou art my helper, thou art my healer. O Andrew the holy, thou at last wilt sit upon an exalted throne, thou wilt shine gloriously with the King of kingdoms. O Andrew the holy, thou wilt be a radiant dweller of the wondrous city; thou wilt reign with the King of kings without end. O Andrew the holy, intercede for me that I may escape the unremitting flames of hard punishment. Amen.

*TO ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE*

**O** glorious light of all the churches, more resplendent than the sun! O true and most exalted star of the Apostles, Holy Paul, who didst diffuse the brightness of the everlasting King upon the darkness of the Gentiles; who, set upon the earth, didst seek the hidden things of the heavens, and didst foresee that which it is not lawful for man to utter: condescend to lead us thy suppliants thither, after the conclusion of this flesh, for thou hast caused us to know the light of truth.

℣. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth.

℟. And their words unto the ends of the world. (Ps. 18:5)

**L**et us pray. O God, Who hast taught the whole world by the preaching of Thy blessed Apostle Paul: grant us, we beseech Thee, that we who reverence his conversion may draw near to Thee by his example. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ENTREATIES TO ALL HOLY APOSTLES*

**O** lights of the world, most blessed Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, Peter, Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, Thaddæus, Matthias, Barnabas, Luke, Mark, with all the disciples of my Lord Jesus Christ, both men and women: pray for me, that the Lord may take me from the world, as He took you, and may grant me to follow His footsteps, even, at last, into your company. Amen.

**M**ost holy Apostles of my Lord Jesus Christ, O most blessed Peter, Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, Thaddæus, Matthias, Barnabas, Luke, and Mark, with all the disciples of my Lord Jesus Christ: pray for me, that the Lord

may withdraw me from the world, as he drew you, and may grant me to follow His footsteps and finally to be amongst your company.



### 5. *Holy Martyrs*

St. Stephen | St. Laurence | St. Alban | St. Edmund | St. Panteleimon

#### *ENTREATY TO ARCHDEACON ST. STEPHEN*

**T**o thee, O Protomartyr, all the quarters of the world yield up their praise, for thou, running first of all men unto the glorious victories of martyrdom, full of grace most holy, art found worthy to follow the footsteps of the Lord, and to behold Him in the glory of the Father, and to cast out the transgressions of those that cast at thee their stones, entreating for their forgiveness. O holy one of God, precious Protomartyr Stephen, pour forth thy prayers for all who reverence thee, that the Lord, being moved to mercy by thy supplication, may unite unto the citizens of heaven us who are cleansed of our sins. Amen.

#### *COLLECT OF ST. STEPHEN*

**G**rant to us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to imitate what we hold in honour, that we may learn to love our enemies, forasmuch as we celebrate the natality of him who knew to pray even for his persecutors to our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, O Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

#### *ENTREATY TO ST. LAURENCE, BY ST. NOTKER (+912)*

**O** Holy Laurence, thou David, thou great-martyr, thou mighty warrior and judgment-seat of the Emperor, thou didst set at nought the blood-stained hands of thy tormentors. Thou didst scorn the emblems of the Caesar, and laugh the judge's threats to scorn. In vain it is the headsman rendeth thy fingernails, it is in vain the pyre's burning thy gridiron doth enfold. The impious man, the City's prefect, grieveth, conquered by a broiled fish—the food of Christ. (Jn. 21:9) Thou, honeycomb of the Lord, rejoicest, living with Him, rising again with Him, filled to the full with Christ. O Laurence, wreathed with laurel amongst warriors, O unconquerable David of the everlasting King, ever entreat with Him to pardon us, His lowest servants. Amen.

#### *ENTREATY TO ST. ALBAN, PROTOMARTYR OF BRITAIN*

**O** Father Alban, leaving earthly things behind thee, with glory didst thou ascend to the diadems of the heavens. We now request of thee, our patron, with prayer steadfastly made, O thou who art our true glory: Loose the sins of thy servants by thy prayers.

Pray for the English nation, and her everlasting peace (3x).

And secure for us, who humbly beg thee, the true joys of life, where there resoundeth, without ceasing, ‘alleluya.’

*TO ST. EDMUND, KING & MARTYR OF EAST ANGLIA*

**O** Royal Martyr Edmund, despising and trampling on the glory of fallen life, living righteously and meekly from thine infancy, thou didst cleave devotedly in all things unto Christ. Having conquered by faith the insanity of the faithless, thou didst triumph and wert borne aloft to heaven. By thy kind prayers, O Edmund, man of joy, cause us to reap the fruit of everlasting life. Amen.

*TO ST. PANTELEIMON, UNMERCENARY HEALER & MARTYR*

**H**oly Panteleimon, martyr of Christ, thou didst so well perform in military rank that thou didst excel all, and didst at length obtain unto the eremitical life. And thou didst restore the man sick of dropsy to health. Sent upon the rack, thou didst forfeit thy fingernails. Thy ribs were seared with torches. Thou didst reveal thyself willingly, yielding thy neck to the sword. Shedding milk for blood, so didst thou finish this life. Take away from the so sorrowful people all illness, thou that hast been found worthy of the realms of heavenly glory.

☩ O holy Panteleimon, pray for us.

☩ That we be delivered from all illnesses.

**L**et us pray. O God, Who regardest the prayers of the humble, and dost not disdain their petitions, be present to the prayers of Thy people, O selfsame Author of loving-kindness, and grant that we who make commemoration of Thy blessed martyr Panteleimon may be effectually delivered from all sorts of illnesses, and, guided by Thee, may be counted worthy to approach joys everlasting. Through Thee, O Jesus Christ, King of glory. O Who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.



## 6. *Holy Confessors*

St. Nicholas | St. Dunstan | St. Benedict | St. Martin | St. Gregory | St. Augustine | St. Augustine | St. John Maximovitch | General Prayers

*ENTREATIES TO MERCIFUL ST. NICHOLAS*

**O** Holy Nicholas, most blessed master and father, the Lord granted thee to be a patron, He granted thee to be a shepherd, He made thee an intercessor. Thou art blessed, thou art meek, thou art merciful, thou art a man of peace, filled with every happiness. Thou hast desired Christ;

thou art with Christ in the company of all the Saints. And I, a wretched and weak sinner, have sinned in all sinful habits; I have sinned in my wishes, living wickedly. Help me before the Lord Jesus Christ with all the Saints, that I may have amendment and remission of sins, that I may be able to attain the mercy of the Lord and forgiveness for my wrongdoings therein, and may be able to enter the kingdom of heaven, that I may not be lost for ever, not come into the second death, neither into the land of oblivion and wickedness. And the sins which I have wickedly committed, who am a wretched and weak sinner, do thou blot out, interceding for me unto our Lord Jesus Christ, O Who liveth and reigneth with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

**H**oly Father Nicholas, most gloriously radiant athlete by reason of thy heavenly virtue, have mercy on me thy (servant) N., I entreat thee, as thou hast had compassion; for thou hast not only helped sailors in danger of the sea, and in the very gravest danger, when they cried out to thee and asked with a pure heart for the help of thy vouchsafing, but thou didst appear very gloriously, and didst answer, "Behold, here I am." Therefore, be here with me a very wretched one, and all those here with me, for whom I dare to pour out my prayers. Release me from the very heavy burden of mine iniquity, as thou didst relieve the disgraceful need of the three virgins, and of their father, they who by the command of their father had determined to lead a life of prostitution when forced by the poverty of their life, as thou didst deliver them from such a crime by the money which thou, like a thief, didst cast by night through a window of their house. And as thou madest them pure vessels for the Lord, who had already settled upon a diabolic plan, therefore, O father, make the world pure of all iniquity, and to be freed from the chain of the Devil. Through Him O Who liveth and reigneth with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*ENTREATY*

*TO OUR SWEET FATHER DUNSTAN,  
ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY*

**O** illustrious confessor of Christ, O candlestick and teacher of the nation of English-born, O good shepherd Dunstan, nourisher of all Albion, who art the healer of diverse infirmities of those who visit thy tomb, we now ask thee steadfastly, through the holy righteousness which is granted thee from Him enthroned on high, that thou wouldst ask God steadfastly in thy holy prayers to deliver this country from her enemies, and free us from the chain of sin, and bring us to eternal life. Amen.

*ENTREATIES TO ST. BENEDICT*

**O** most resplendent father and guide of monks, Benedict the beloved of God, not less in thy virtue than any of the Saints in the whole world, who when thou wert worthy to please Christ in accord with the prophecy of thy name, didst establish a holy and blessed law for monastics: help me to obtain the remission of sins. O compassionate shepherd of thy holy sheepfold, deliver me a sick sheep from the jaws of the wolves of hell. My daily negligences do thou wipe away by thy holy prayers. My soul do thou convert to loving thy precepts. Make my life a righteous one. Direct aright my deeds. Purify my thoughts. Preserve my soul. Defend my body. And help me to advance daily in thy precepts, and to love thee, O most gentle father, with all my heart, and scorn every thing which is contrary to God, and to live in the present in such wise as to escape eternal torments. And may I be worthy to attain to that place where thou reignest with Christ without end. Amen.

**O** holy and most blessed master and father, Benedict, the Lord gave us thee for a patron, gave thee for a shepherd, gave thee for an intercessor. Thou art a blessed pauper. Thou art meek; thou art merciful; thou lovest peace, and art filled with all blessedness. Thou didst long for Christ; thou art with Christ, in the company of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul and Andrew, together with the other Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, and Virgins. And I, a wretched and weak (wo)man, have sinned in thy precincts, and I have sinned in thy house, living badly. Help me, together with the holy Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, and Virgins, that I may be able to attain to the mercy of God, and the remission of my sins, and may be worthy to enter the kingdom of heaven, that I may not perish for ever, may I not deserve this in the second death, neither in the land of oblivion, because of the vices and sins which I, a wretched and weak (wo)man, wickedly have committed. Amen.

*A MONK'S ENTREATY TO ST. BENEDICT*

**I** beseech thee, most blessed Benedict, beloved of God: intercede for thy servant N., and all this thy holy congregation, and for all those that do battle under thy headship, as also for all Christian people. Intercede also for me thy wretched servant, that the Lord may cleanse my heart, my mouth, and my deeds from all sinful ways. Grant me to keep all that He hath commanded, and to keep to the path of thy holy Rule, which I pledged to observe.

*TO ST. MARTIN THE WONDER-WORKER, BISHOP OF TOURS*

**W**e all beseech thee, O Martin, that thou who didst manifest wonders on this earth mayest also, from heaven, by thy supplication, pour

the grace of Christ on us unceasingly. Amen.

*ENTREATY TO ST. GREGORY THE GREAT*

**O** most blessed Confessor and Priest of our Lord, Gregory, pray for me, I beseech thee, to the Lord thy God, that all sinful ways having been cast out of me, He may grant me to please Him in all things, and may give me the peace belonging to Him and to all His servants. Amen.

*TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF AFRICA*

**O** noblest of the teachers of the Church of God, and mightiest pillar of faith, and reverend light of the world, and wondrous pattern of virtue, Augustine, commend to Christ God in my behalf the supplications which I now offer to thee, and commending them, defend me at all times with Thy fatherly tenderness. By thy holy intercession, confirm me in good deeds; protect me from every enemy; make me steadfast in faith; strengthen me in hope, edify me in holy charity. By thine intercession, drive far from me all which is evil, and add to me that which is expedient for me. And after my flesh's passing, commend my spirit unto God, that through thee, O holiest Confessor, I may attain to life eternal. Amen.

*TO ST. AUGUSTINE, APOSTLE OF THE ENGLISH*

**W**e pray thee, holy hierarch Augustine, with our voice raised up on high, that thou wouldst favour us, lest the ancient foe invade the sheepfolds assigned thee by the Lord. But by means of thy mighty, righteous prayers, give the nod, that He may spare our wretchedness, and grant us His forgiveness by the grace which is on high. Amen.

*TO ST. JOHN OF SAN FRANCISCO (+1966)*

**E**ntreat thou the Holy Trinity for us, O holy John, herald of incorruption. Help us to avoid the scandals of these dark and evil times, and keep us in the fullness of Divine grace, that amidst hymn-chanting choirs of the Angels, we may lift to heaven our unceasing alleluya.

*TO ANY CONFESSOR OF THE LORD*

**R**ejoice, O most beautiful flower, O glorious hierarch of Christ, N.! Thou didst follow the footsteps of Christ with devoted faith; thou hast obtained the kingdom of the eternal King. For thou rejoicest in the supernal dwelling, possessing the thrones of life. I beseech and entreat thee that thy holy prayers may help my fragile life.

O blessed, O holy N., help me! O blessed, O holy N., intercede in my behalf, that I may be worthy to possess the holy, life-giving temples of the heavens, beholding in happiness the joys which are complete. Amen.

*AN ENTREATY TO MANY CONFESSORS*

**I** beseech you, O most blessed confessors and teachers of Christ, Cyprian, Basil, Gregory, Athanasius, Eusebius, Ambrose, Martin, Augustine, Jerome, Germanus, Leo, John, and Isidore: vouchsafe to intercede for me, a sinner, that the Lord may grant me to keep to what you taught, and cause me to rejoice amidst your company. Amen.

*7. Holy Women of the Lord*

St. Anna | St. Mary Magdalene | St. Katherine | St. Margaret |  
St. Barbara | St. Cecilia | St. Winifred | General Prayers

*REJOICES OF ST. ANNA*

**R**ejoice, O joyful Anna, who didst conceive a daughter from whom the Saviour of the world was to be born!

Rejoice, O joyful Anna, mother of a mighty child; from thee the shining star of the highest Sun proceeded forth!

Rejoice, O joyful Anna who bare Mary, for she as virgin brought forth God and is mother of the Messias!

Rejoice, O joyful Anna, for thou alone wast worthy to be the mother of the virgin mother of Christ Jesus!

Rejoice, O joyful Anna, rejoice unceasingly; offer for us the supplications of the Queen of heaven!

✠ Pray for us, blessed Anna.

✠ That we may be cleansed from all evils in this life.

**L**et us pray. O God, Whose good pleasure it was to give the blessed Anna such favour that she might be found worthy to bear within her womb the Virgin Mary, Thine all-glorious Mother: grant, we beseech Thee, by the intercessory prayers of Thy beloved mother and most beloved daughter, Mary, a plenteousness of great mercy, so that by her very holy intercession Thou mayest defend us from every danger of body and soul, and grant us health in this life and bring us into the joys of the heavens. O Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*REJOICES OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE*

**R**ejoice, O godly Magdalene, hope of salvation, spring of life, and confidence for those sunk low in sins!

Rejoice, O thou sweet advocate, the pattern given us lowly sinners for resurrecting and repenting after sins!

Rejoice, O joyful woman, pleasing to thy God, whose sins were

pardoned by His peerless grace!

Rejoice, O washer of the feet of Christ, for worthy wast thou to receive from Him high pledges of His love!

Rejoice, O worthy lady, for thou wast first to be delighted by the sight of Thy Redeemer, when He rose again in glory!

Rejoice, for thou, when seventy years of age, wert borne aloft from wretchedness unto the heights of heaven!

Rejoice, O thou that now art raised on high and gloriest with Christ within His palace in the heavens!

Cause us to repent here, in such wise that after death we may attain the joys of His true light. Amen.

℣. Many sins were forgiven her. ℞. Because she loved much. (Lk. 7:47)

**L**et us pray. O God, Who madest the repentance of Mary Magdalene pleasing and welcome to Thee, so that Thou wouldst not only forgive her sins but also bathe her inner heart in light in order to take pity on her frailty: grant us, we beseech Thee, so worthily to lament the wicked deeds we have committed that we may be able to attain Thy holy forgiveness, and experience Thy tender-heartedness, with Thy whole relenting mercy. O Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ENTREATY TO ST. MARY MAGDALENE, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES*

**O**Mary, compassionate mother, thou art called star of the sea, for the righteousness of thine actions. O Mary of Magdala, replete with praise, do thou hearken to our prayers, and in kindness reconcile us in the presence of Christ: that the Fountain of highest mercy, He Who washed thee of thy sins, may wash us His servants, who also are thine, with the forgiveness which He bestoweth. Let all things say, amen.

*REJOICES OF ST. KATHERINE THE GREAT-MARTYR*

**R**ejoice, O virgin Katherine, who by the law of God didst save the sages from their doubts!

Rejoice, O thou for whom the blackest prison was filled with light, and redolent with sweet fragrance!

Rejoice, beholding the destruction of the [torture] wheels, for a judgment of the people!

Rejoice, O lady who wert scourged, and after prayers beheaded, gushing milk in place of blood!

Rejoice, Sinai, whither thou art carried, where thou art revered in all ages, with the streaming forth of oil!

O thou who after Mary art blessed, entreat for us a path to heaven, up to its lofty summit!

And when we appear before thee, grant that we rejoice with thee,

in the light of heaven.

∿ Pray for us, blessed virgin Katherine.

℞ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**L**et us pray. O God, Who gavest the Law to Moses on the summit of Mount Sinai, and in that same spot didst place the body of Thy blessed virgin and martyr Katherine, in a wondrous manner, by the hands of Thy holy Angels: grant us, we beseech Thee, that by her prayers and intercession we may be able to arrive at the mountain which is Christ. O Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*REJOICES OF ST. MARGARET*

**R**ejoice, O virgin Margaret, who didst drive thy nurse's flock into the pastures, joyful one!

Rejoice, despiser of the boasting of the world, strong in faith and blossoming with modesty like an athlete!

Rejoice, O thou who, shut in prison, didst gain victory over beasts, sealed with the Cross' sign!

Rejoice, O scourged with rods and strengthened by a dove, scorning the ruler's threats!

Rejoice, O thou that didst rejoice in prayer, when for Christ's sake thou didst forfeit thy head, gaining joys on high!

Pray now, rejoicing virgin, that our words may become well-pleasing to God, in that fatherland. Amen.

*antiphon:* Remembering the worthy memory of blessed Margaret, and reverencing her, we pray, Lord Jesus Christ, that by her prayers and supplications we may secure eternal fellowship with Thine Angels, through Thy gift.

∿ Pray for us, blessed virgin Margaret.

℞ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**L**et us pray. O Lord, we beseech Thee, mercifully attend unto our supplication, and kindly hearken to our prayers, and impart to us Thy mercy, that by the interceding prayer of Thy holy virgin and martyr Margaret, no matter the necessity from out of which we cry to Thee, we may receive the gracious-flowing benefactions of Thy comfort. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*REJOICES OF ST. BARBARA THE VIRGIN-MARTYR*

**R**ejoice, O Barbara, royal maiden, kept safe with Christ from ruin,  
in the lily of thy purity!

Rejoice, O mighty in God's teachings, surpassingly instructed by the  
tutelage of Christ!

Rejoice, O virgin filled with faith, for, having finished martyrdom,  
thou hast inherited delights in heaven!

Rejoice, for God hath taken care to give thy sepulture the assistance  
of the locusts!

Rejoice, for our assemblage singeth sweetly and is joyful; grant that  
thou be not unmindful of me in everlasting joy. Amen.

Hail, the Threefold's morning star! O Barbara, who after Mary art  
the flower of virgins, O true intercessor between God and men,  
cruelly slain by thine own father, delighting in the joy of heaven,  
intercede for us unendingly. Amen.

☩ Pray for us, blessed virgin Barbara.

℞ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**L**et us pray. O God Who by martyrdom's scarlet blood-shedding didst  
place the very blessed virgin Barbara in Thy kingdom's bridal  
chamber: mercifully grant that those who in humblest piety rejoice  
together for her everlasting radiance, may through her obtain the  
forgiveness of all their sins from Thee. O Through our Lord Jesus Christ  
Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*ENTREATY TO ST. CECILIA VIRGIN-MARTYR*

**H**oly Cecilia, venerable Virgin of Christ, amongst the martyrs  
surpassing great, and amidst the Angels and Archangels glorious,  
who also didst follow the footsteps of the heavenly Lamb whithersoever  
He went, accompany me with thine eternal praises and thy holy prayers;  
strengthen my sinful soul; bolster my weakness; put my sinful habits to  
death; give life to my understanding. May thine intercession guide my  
life, make my deeds righteous, amend my ways, order my thoughts and  
words, and change all evil within me into good. Grant this, O Virgin of  
God; grant me help in my need every day. Every day defend me a sinner;  
every day commend me to Christ. And on the day of my soul's departure  
come to its aid, and guard it against the powers of darkness and from  
every evil attack. Commend it to God's holy Angels, and may they bear  
it to the judgment-seat of Christ, and there, by thy righteous and  
interceding prayers, may both light and rest eternal be granted me.  
Amen.

*TO ST. WINIFRED, VIRGIN-MARTYR OF HOLYWELL*

**O** Holy Winifred, virgin flourishing as the rose, comely bride of Him Who is the Lamb, as the precious martyr of Christ hast thou richly blossomed. O our glorious Lady, calm for us the billows of the sea, lest we become the ready prey of the enemy. O compassionate one, afford us thy protection. Amen.

*TO ANY VIRGIN MARTYR*

**O** Holy N., joyful Virgin, who didst endure all things mightily, pray tenderly to God in my behalf, since for His glory's sake thou didst not disdain to die: that I at length might rejoice greatly in the high-heavenly court, in endless peace. And may I, together with thee, O thou glorious Virgin, praise the Lord exceedingly in the glory that is His. Amen.

*TO A HOLY MATRON*

**O** holy and venerable N., by thy holy assistance didst thou refresh those whom tribulation had crushed. O thou that art chaste and wise, and worthy of our confidence, may it be thy good pleasure to obtain for us, by thy prayers, everlasting joys. Amen.

**8. All Saints***GENERAL ENTREATY*

**I**entreat and beseech you, Saints N. & N., in the name of the Lord, that ye would deign to have me in your prayers, so that the enemy and adversary may not at any time have power to harm me. I have sinned, Lord, before Thee and before Thine Angels. Deal with me in Thy mercy, O Lord. Heal me, and I shall be healed, for Thou art my healing and salvation, and let my prayer come before Thy holy temple. O Honour and power be Thine, for ages of ages. Amen.

*ENTREATY FOR USE WITH THE CALENDAR*

**G**rant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the intercession of the Holy Theotokos and Virgin Mary and of all the holy ones, of the heavenly Powers and of the blessed Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors and Virgins and all Thine elect, and especially Saints N. & N. (here read all the Saints for the day from the St. Hilarion Calendar) may everywhere fill us with joy, that as we call their righteous deeds to mind we may experience their protection. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**PRAYERS TO THE LORD WITH HIS SAINTS**

**L**ord Jesus Christ, Who didst come into this world from the bosom of the Father, for sinners' sake, that Thou mightest redeem us from the sin of Adam (for I know and believe that Thy will was to dwell upon earth not for the righteous but for sinners), hear me, O Lord God, a sinner and blameworthy and unworthy and careless and a debtor. To Thee I confess all the wicked deeds which I have done in this world. For my words and deeds, as for my thoughts, for all of them, I ask forgiveness. I have strayed, I have sinned, but I have not denied Thee, for I know and believe that Thou art a merciful Father. Pardon me, Christ. I praise Thee; I magnify Thee, Holy Trinity. I give thanks to Thee amidst all my diseases, for I have hope in none other but Thee, O God. I flee for refuge to the door of the church of Christ, and, prostrate before the face of Thy Saints, I ask forgiveness. I entreat and supplicate Thee, O Lord, that Thou deign to grant me Thy forgiveness, because of Thy mercy and Thy tender compassions, at mine end and at that hour when my soul will depart from my body. Grant me, Lord, right understanding, right mind, right faith, right belief. Hear me, O Lord almighty, that Thou deign to grant me this: to condescend to deliver my soul from the nethermost hades. O God, deliver Thou me from fire inextinguishable. O God, deliver Thou me from the punishment of hell. O God, deliver Thou me from the undying worms. O God, deliver Thou me from the primal being of Satan. O God, deliver Thou me from eternal torment. O God, deliver Thou me from eternal damnation and shame. O God, deliver Thou me from the torments of the ungodly. O God, deliver Thou me from everlasting distress. O God, deliver Thou my soul from the exterior darkness, for I trust in Thee, for I am the work of Thy hands; despise me not. I ask Holy Mary, I ask the four and twenty elders, I beseech all Thy holy Patriarchs and Prophets, I entreat all Thy holy Angels, I humbly entreat all Thy holy Apostles and Martyrs and Confessors, I call upon all Thy holy and chosen ones for my departing, and for that fearsome hour when my soul, being caught up, will depart from my body. I beg thee, holy Archangel Michael, who hast received the power to take our souls in thy hands, that thou deign to take my soul from my body. Deliver it from the power of hell and from the way of darkness, that the lion and dragon may not be near, he that is wont to seize the souls of sinners and bring them to their eternal torments. I entreat thee, holy Apostle Peter, who didst receive the keys to the kingdom of heaven, that thou deign to open the gates of Paradise to me. O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Holy Mary, I pour out my prayers to Thee, that my soul may have mercy and compassion (for I hope and trust in Thee, O Christ, Redeemer of the world, when my sun will be setting) so that I may not be cast away from Thy presence, since

I am not worthy of a crown or to find forgiveness unless Thou be my helper, O gentle Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, O Who with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT*

**O** Master, O Lord God almighty, Who art one Trinity, the Father in the Son, and the Son in the Father, with the Holy Spirit, Who art ever in all and wast before all, and shalt be through all, God blessed unto the ages, I commit my life into the hands of Thy strength, that Thou mayest guard it by day and by night, by the hours and the minutes. Have mercy on me, O God of the Angels; guide me, O King of the Archangels; preserve me by the prayers of Thy Patriarchs, by the righteousness of Thy Prophets, by the intercessions of Thine Apostles, by the victories of Thy Martyrs, by the faith of Thy Confessors, by the purity of Thy Virgins and of all the Saints Who have pleased Thee from the beginning of the world.

May holy Michael the Archangel of Christ pray for me with all the sanctified hosts of Angels and Archangels. May holy Enoch pray for me, who walked with God and was translated out of the world. May holy Noë pray for me, whom the Lord saved from the Flood because of his righteousness. May the faithful Abraham intercede for me, who first believed God, and his faith was counted unto him for righteousness. May the righteous Isaac intercede for me, who was obedient to his father even unto death, serving as an example of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was offered up by His Father for the salvation of the world. May holy Abel, who was first crowned with martyrdom, entreat for me, and joyful Jacob, who saw Angels of our God and Lord coming to help him. May blessed Joseph pray for me, who solved the king's dreams and interpreted them and was freed from prison. May holy Job pray for me, the great and mighty one, who in all the things which befell him sinned in nothing with his lips. May holy Moses pray for me, with whom the Lord spake face to face. May Jesus, son of Nun, pray for me, whom Thou didst choose, O Lord, as Thy servant after Moses. May the holy Prophet Samuel pray for me, who blessed and anointed kings over Israël. May holy David come to mine aid, whom Thou didst choose as a king according to Thy heart, O Lord. May the holy Prophet Elias supplicate for me, whom Thou didst raise aloft in the fiery chariot even unto the skies. May holy Elisaëus pray for me, who raised a dead man after his death. May the holy Isaias pray for me, whose lips were cleansed by fire from heaven. May the holy Prophet Jeremias be with me and help me, whom Thou didst sanctify in his mother's womb. May the holy Prophet

Ezechiel pray for me, who saw God's wondrous visions. May the chosen Daniel, desirable unto God, entreat for me, who solved the king's dreams and interpreted them, and was twice delivered from the lions' den. May the three Youths pray for me, whom Thou didst deliver from the fire, Ananias, Azarias, and Misaël, and the fourteen Prophets, Oseë, Amos, Micheas, Joel, Abdias, Habacuc, Jonas, Nahum, Sophonias, Aggeus, Zacharias, Malachias, Esdras, and Samuel. May the all-holy Mary pray for me, Virgin and Mother of our Lord God Jesus Christ, with all holy Virgins and Widows. May holy John the Baptist help me with the army of all the Saints. I beseech thee, holy Cross, by Thy power and the sign of our Lord's Passion, that thou deliver me from mine enemies. Deliver me, O Lord God of Israël, out of all mine afflictions. All these I call upon to help me; may all the holy Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ help me, Peter, Paul, Andrew, John, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, Simon and Thaddeus, Barnabas and Matthias, and may all Thy holy Martyrs intercede for me. Drive from me, O Lord, the desire of gluttony, and grant me the virtue of abstinence. Chase from me the spirit of fornication, and grant me the ardour of purity. Extinguish avarice within me, and grant me voluntary poverty. Force irritability from me, and light a great sweetness and love for God and my neighbour within me. Cut from me, O Lord, the world's sadness, and increase for me the spirit's joy. Drive out from me boasting of the mind, and bestow on me compunction of heart. Shatter my pride, and perfect in me true humility. I am an unworthy and unhappy man; who will deliver me from the body of the death of this sin, if not the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ? For I am a sinner, and my sins are innumerable, and I am not worthy to be called Thy servant, O Lord. Raise up in me the weeping of repentance, and soften my hard and stony heart, and kindle in me the fire of Thy fear, O Lord, for I am dead ashes. Deliver my soul, O Lord, from all the snares of the enemy, and preserve me in Thy will; teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. O To Thee be honour and glory, through all ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER OF ST. HIGBALD OF LINCOLN*

**F**irst of all, with steadfast prayers I humbly beseech the loftiest and glorious majesty of God, the radiant gentleness of the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, that He may be pleased to hear me, a wretched and unworthy clump of earth. I entreat God the almighty Father, Who created heaven and the earth, the sea and all that is therein, Who is in all and over all, God blessed unto the ages, that He may forgive me all my sins and evil deeds which I have done from the cradle of my youth until the hour of my present age, in deeds, in words, in seeing, in laughing, in walking, in listening, in touching, and in smelling, voluntary or

involuntary, known and unknown, in spirit or in body, what I transgressing have committed. So also do I ask the eternal Son of God, almighty God Who is and Who was and Who is to come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. Mourning and sorrowing, I ask the merciful King and Saviour of the world, to Whom every knee is bent, of those in heaven and on the earth and beneath the earth, and Whom every tongue confesseth that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father, amen, that He pardon the sins of my youth and mine ignorances, and according to His mercy may the Lord remember me. Humbly, repeating it twice and thrice, do I adjure the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, almighty God, Who enlighteneth every man coming into this world, that He would comfort me for ever and keep me unharmed evermore, and that the Holy Spirit would vouchsafe to grant me His gifts, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and of piety, the spirit of the fear of our Lord Jesus Christ, O Who liveth and reigneth unto ages of ages. Amen.

Again and again, therefore, repeatedly asking the Holy Unity of the Trinity to help me, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, to Whom there is a single nature and a single substance, a single majesty and the same glory, enduring without end unto the ages of ages: that He may be pleased to defend me from the besetting present dangers of my sins, and from defilements of the flesh and spirit, and from the infesting enemies of soul and body. Deliver me and preserve me, and make me a communicant of eternal life, without their deadly stumbling-block.

I entreat the holy and glorious Archangel Michael who hath received power to guard souls, that he vouchsafe to accept my soul when it leaveth my body, and lead it into the pleasantness of Paradise, and there place it in the repose of the joyous spirits. And Gabriel I entreat, the Archangel, the minister of the most high Throne of God, and also with him the nine orders of Angels and hosts of Archangels, who are the Angels, Archangels, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Dominions, Thrones, Cherubim and Seraphim: intercede for me ye that sing praises to the everlasting God every day before the Throne of His glory, saying without ceasing: O Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Osánna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Osánna in the highest. (Is. 6:3, Mt. 21:9)

May all the Holy Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ help me, may the Patriarchs and Prophets pray for me; I entreat blessed Peter, chieftain of the Apostles, who holdeth the keys to the kingdom of heaven, to help me, and Paul the Apostles and Teacher of the Gentiles, Andrew and James, John and Phillip, Bartholomew and Thomas, Matthew and James,

**Simon and Thaddeus, Matthias and Barnabas.**

I will call upon all of them to help me. Holy Ever-Virgin Mary, blessed and glorious Theotókos, intercede for me, with all the most holy Virgins together, that thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord may be pleased to keep me. Assist me, blessed John the Baptist and Forerunner of the Lord, together with the holy choir of the Innocents, and with all the Saints and Martyrs together whose blood hath been shed, from the righteous Abel until the present day, who for ever stand in the presence of the Lamb, clad in robes of white, and with palms in their hands. Yea, they shall cry out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation to our God Who sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb.’ (Apoc., or Rev., 7:10)

Holy Hierarch Gregory, and all ye holy Priests of our holy Lord Jesus Christ, and O ye lofty Confessors of God, pray for me. O blessed and glorious Levite Stephen, and all holy Deacons, and ministers of the Church of God, intercede in my behalf.

O Holy Paul the Anchorite, and blessed Anthony, with all Anchorites and Monks and Clergy, make intercession for me. O blessed Helen and Anna and all faithful Widows, implore in my behalf, that I may be found worthy to possess eternal life in the heavens. Beseech in my behalf also, all perfected men and women. Thou only, O God, knowest the righteousness of each one of them. By all of their righteous and interceding prayers, grant, we beseech Thee, that in all things we may be defended by the help of Thy protection, O through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER TO GOD WITH ALL HIS SAINTS*

**O** almighty Holy Trinity, O God Whom I worship, Whom I love, Whom I confess, hear my lowly prayer. Visit my heart. Blot out my sins, for there is no counting them.

And because there is nothing in me of good whereby I can be saved, intercede for me first of all, O Holy Mary, Ever-Virgin, intercede, that by thee I may for ever be found worthy to be heard and to be saved. Come to mine aid also, O venerable Michael, commander of the Angels, with all the soldiers of the heavenly armies. Do thou also, O beloved of God, Patriarch Abraham, who didst offer thy son Isaac to God like an icon of God the Father, wherefore all the tribes of the earth are blessed in thee: pray for me with all the Patriarchs, that I may offer my soul to Christ every day. Be with me and help me also, David, the prophet and king and psalmist, who when yet a boy didst fell the giant Goliath with a stone, and with all the holy Prophets, drive from me our eternal foe. O no less glorious Peter, chieftain of the Apostles, by the excellence of thy glory with the other Apostles who are the luminaries of the world, who, sitting

upon their twelve thrones will judge the world: Help me, that on the day of judgment I may not perish with the ungodly. And, holy choir of the Innocents, slain for the sake of Christ's infancy, from beneath the throne of the lordly Lamb intercede for me unceasingly. O radiant and through all ages glorious, holy Stephen with all the rose-red warriors of the Martyrs: cleanse me from every sin by your holy intercession. Pray for me, O precious patron of monastics, Benedict, beloved of God, and thou, glorious lantern of the Church and Priest of Christ, Judoc, with thy most radiant companion the surpassing great Grimbald, and with all the holy Confessors who bud forth with splendour as that of the lilies: make righteous my mind, and my ways, and words, and deeds, by your prayers. O ye holy Hermits, at all times come unto mine aid. And furthermore, O gentle battle-rank of Virgins, meek and blameless, help me every day with greater mercy, as ye have greater joy in the love of the eternal King, your Bridegroom. All Saints together, and chosen ones of God, set me free from the chains of my sins, and when it is the time, make me rejoice together with you in everlasting happiness, to the praise of Him Who hath given, to all of you, immortal crowns unto ages of ages. Amen.



### PRAYERS FOR ONE'S LIFE

When You Are Sick | Protection From Enemies

*WHEN YOU ARE SICK—ATTRIBUTED TO APOSTLE MATTHEW BY ST. AMBROSE*

**T**hee alone I follow, Lord Jesus, Who healest my wounds. For what shall separate me from the love of God which is in Thee? Shall tribulation, or distress, or famine? I am held fast as though by nails, and fettered by the bonds of charity. Remove from me, O Lord Jesus, with Thy mighty sword, the corruption of my sins. Secure me in the bonds of Thy love; cut away what is corrupt in me. Come quickly and make an end of my many, my hidden and secret afflictions. Open the wound, lest the evil humour spread. With Thy new washing, cleanse in me all that is stained. Listen to me, ye earthly men who in your sins bring forth drunken thoughts: I have found a Physician. He dwelleth in heaven and imparteth His healing on earth. He alone can heal my pains Who Himself hath none. He alone Who knoweth what is hidden can take away the grief of my heart and the fear of my soul, Jesus Christ.

Christ is grace! Christ is life! Christ is resurrection! Amen.

*PRAYER BEFORE A CROSS, FOR FORGIVENESS & PROTECTION*

**I** pray to Thee, almighty Jesus Christ, Who didst place Thy pure hands upon the Cross for us, and redeem us by Thy precious Blood:

send upon me sense and understanding that I may have genuine repentance and may have good perseverance all the days of my life. I beseech Thee, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by Thy holy Cross, that Thou forgive me my evil deeds. For Thy happy Cross' sake, preserve my head. For Thy blessed Cross' sake, preserve mine eyes. For Thy venerable Cross' sake, preserve my mouth. For Thy beloved Cross' sake, preserve my hands. For Thy holy Cross' sake, preserve my vital organs. For Thy glorious Cross' sake, preserve my knees. For Thine honourable Cross' sake, preserve my feet and all my limbs from all snares of the enemy. For the sake of the Cross consecrated by Thy Body, preserve my soul and deliver it on the last day from all mine adversaries. For the holy nails' sake which were nailed into Thy Body, grant me Thy mercy and eternal life, O Jesus Christ, and let Thy visitation preserve my spirit. Holy God, make me holy! Mighty God, strengthen me! Immortal God, have mercy on me!

*PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION*

**O** Lord God almighty, Who art threefold and one, Who art in all things at all times and wast before all things and shalt be in all things for ever, God blessed unto the ages: I commit my life into the hands of Thy mighty power, that Thou mayest safeguard it by day and by night, by hour and second. Hearken to me, O Lord, through the prayers of the Patriarchs, through the supplications of the Prophets, through the entreaties of the Apostles, through the crowns of the Martyrs, through the faith of the Confessors, through the purity of the Virgins, through the intercession of all the Saints who have pleased Thee from the beginning of the world, that Thou keep me from all dangers of soul and body, and bring me to eternal life. O Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

**O** Lord God, the almighty Father and Son and Holy Spirit, grant me, Thy (servant) N., victory against all mine enemies, that they may not be able to withstand, harm, or contradict me, but let their strength and purpose be guided towards the good. And mayest Thou, O Lord, be our fortitude and my refuge and the shield of my defence, and a fire inextinguishable, and an immoveable tower of strength, so that all mine adversaries and enemies may be scattered. O God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, O God of all that live rightly, free me, Thy (servant) N., from all my sins and from hardships and turbulence, from necessities and dangers, and grant me fortitude and perseverance in good, and an upright and sweet-sounding speech to be in my mouth, that all my words and my countenance and my deeds, may be pleasing to all men who see and hear me, that I may find grace and help in all my

petitions. The Prophet crieth out, and the Apostle saith: Christ saveth all those who trust in Him. Christ doth conquer, Christ doth reign; may Christ deign to command me to be a victor to all mine adversaries, so that I will not fear what man shall do unto me. (Ps. 55:12) O God, in Thy name save me (Ps. 53:2) from all enemies visible and invisible, and set me free, O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Whose will it was to be hung upon the Cross, and Who didst allow Thyself to be pierced with the spear, and Who hast redeemed me with Thy precious Blood, and didst deliver the three youths from the furnace of fire, and didst preserve Susanna from false accusation, and didst rescue Daniel from the lions' den. So also, as throughout these verses, save me Thy (servant) N. from every evil work present and to come. Amen.

O In the name... Our Father... Rejoice, Mary... (p. 1)

Also see the Breastplate Prayers, p. 366.



## PRAYERS OF FORGIVING

Read St. Luke 23:33-34 and read the repose of St. Stephen in Acts 7:54-59.

### *COLLECT OF ST. STEPHEN*

**G**rant to us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to imitate what we hold in honour, that we may learn to love our enemies, forasmuch as we celebrate the memory of Holy Protomartyr Stephen, who knew to pray even for his persecutors to our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, O Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

### *PRAYER THAT CHRIST FORGIVE ONE'S ENEMIES*

**O** Master Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who whilst hanging on the Cross didst speak in behalf of sinners to Thy Father, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," (Lk. 23:34) praying, that is to say, for those that crucified Thee: I beseech Thee by this Thy very most holy word, that Thou wouldst forgive the sins of those that have done me wrong, and wouldst give them what Thou knowest to be for their salvation. Through Thee, Jesus Christ, King of glory, Saviour of the world, O Who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

### *PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS*

**H**earken, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to the prayers of Thy suppliants, and spare them that confess their sins to Thee, that Thou mayest

graciously bestow upon us forgiveness and peace alike. **O** Through our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.



## PRAYERS OF REPENTANCE

Of St. Jerome | Short Prayer | Of St. Martin | Of St. Ephraim | For Tears

### *PRAYER OF ST. JEROME*

**G**rant me, O Lord, compunction of heart, and give tears to mine eyes, that I may weep day and night, with humility and purity of charity of heart, for all the days of my negligence. Let my prayer draw near to Thy presence. If Thou be angry with me, O Lord, what helper will I seek, or who will have mercy on my weaknesses? Remember, O Lord, that Thou didst call the woman of Canaan and the publican to repentance, and didst accept Peter as he wept. Mayest Thou likewise vouchsafe to accept my prayers, O merciful God. Save me, Saviour of the world, O Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

### *SHORT PRAYER*

**O** Lord Jesus Christ, I bend my knees before Thee, I believe with my heart in Thee, I confess all my sins to Thee. Have mercy on me, a very wretched sinner. Amen.

### *PRAYER FOR MERCY, BY ST. MARTIN OF TOURS*

**O** God of glory, Who art single and true, Who art unequalled and righteous, in Whom are all things, under Whom are all things, by Whom all things were made! Hear me praying, as Thou didst hear the three youths from the furnace of burning fire. Hear me praying, as Thou didst hear Jonas from the belly of the whale. Hear me praying, as Thou didst hear Susanna and didst free her from the hand of wicked witnesses. Hear me praying, as Thou didst hear Peter upon the sea, and Paul in his chains. Spare my soul; spare my deeds; spare all of our transgressions, O Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

### *PRAYER OF REPENTANCE, BY ST. EPHRAIM DEACON*

**O** my Lord, God, and Saviour, why hast Thou forsaken me? Have mercy on me, for Thou alone lovest all. Save me a sinner, for Thou alone art without sin. Deliver me from the mire of my sins, that I may not be sunk in them for ever. Free me from the mouth of mine enemy, for behold, as a roaring lion he wisheth to devour me. Stir up Thy power,

and come, that Thou mayest save me, flash forth Thy lightnings (Ps. 143:8). Scatter the power of the enemy, O most kind Lover of mankind. O God, I adjure Thee by Thy compassions not to place me with the goats at Thy left hand, with those that have exasperated Thee. Do not tell me, "I know thee not," (Mt. 25:12) but because of Thy plenteous mercy grant me compunction of heart and weeping without ceasing, and sanctify me, that I may become the temple of Thy grace. Through Thee, Christ Jesus, Saviour of the world, O Who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, God through all the ages of ages. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR REPENTANT TEARS*

**A**lmighty and merciful God, Who for Thy thirsting people broughtest a spring of living water out of the rock, (Num. 20:11) draw forth from our stony hearts tears of compunction, that we may be able to bewail our sins, and that we may be found worthy to obtain forgiveness for them, by Thy mercy. O Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR TEARS, BY ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE*

**W**ith what weeping shall I begin to weep for my evil deeds; with what tears shall I bewail my wickedness; with what weepings shall I mourn my miseries? My sins have taken from me the sense to mourn. O tears! where have you hidden yourselves? Where are you, fountains of tears? Where are you, O waves of remorse? Where are you, lamentations? Whither art thou fled, weeping? Whither hast thou withdrawn thyself, mourning? Return, I beg you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Return, march onward, and fill mine eyes with tears. Be renewed, O fountains of tears; besprinkle me with weepings; flow upon my face; water my jawbones; moisten my cheeks. Grant me an anxious and bitter remorse. For I am unhappy and a wretch, one worthy of tears and needing mercy, most miserable of all men and most wretched. I see my foulness and I acknowledge my sin. I know that I am a sinner, and I behold how evil I am. I reproach myself as being unjust, I accuse myself of being ungodly. I ask Thee to forgive me, O Lord, I confess mine iniquity. For I have fallen more severely than all others; I have plunged into more evil than all others, I have made myself abject, more than all others, by sin; I have succumbed to delight of the flesh more than others. I have surpassed all carnal men by the foulness of my lust, I have conquered the evil deeds of all the impious by my heinous deeds, so that the torments of Tartarus scarcely suffice for my wicked deeds. For there is no sin worse than my sin, there is no iniquity worse than mine iniquity. And now, O God of deepest compassion, because I make known to Thee my transgressions, and take no refuge in my righteousness, I beseech Thy mercy, I beg Thy mercy, I implore Thy

compassion, I pray to Thy kindness: Blot out my sins; wash my terrible crimes. Cleanse the impurities of my sins; purify the disgrace of my wrongdoings, wipe away the stains of my transgressions, wash away the stains of mine iniquities. Do not delay my cleansing, O God. I offer my whole self to Thee to be healed; may my soul receive health. Grant healing to my sound. O God, bestow a healing remedy to my sufferings, and after my torments make my wound whole. I am injured, and seek a Physician. I am sick; I ask for medicine. My flesh is consumed, and my beauty is wasted away. My bones are withered, my limbs are wasted away. I have drawn nigh to corruption; the shadow of death hath taken ahold of me. Darkness hath covered me; the thick darkness of hell hath wrapped me about. The horror of darkness hath oppressed me. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. O Honour to Thee, and glory, and might, and power, unto ages of ages. Amen.

The most common prayers of repentance are the Seven Psalms, p. 162, and Psalm 50 is the most commonly chanted of them all (p. 164).



## PRAVERS OF EXORCISM

*PRAYER OF POPE ST. LEO III*

**T**he O Cross of Christ be with me. It is the O Cross before which I bow down, for ever. The O Cross of Christ is true safety. The O Cross of Christ surpasseth every sword. The O Cross of Christ dissolveth the chains of death. The O Cross of Christ, unconquerable by weapons. The O Cross of Christ, immovable standard. The O Cross of Christ be to me the way of virtues, and strength; by God's O Cross I shall go in the way. The O Cross of Christ openeth the way to every good. The O Cross of Christ putteth every evil thing to flight. The O Cross of Christ hath borne eternal punishment away. O O Cross of Christ, save me, and mayst thou be above me, before me, and behind me, for the ancient enemy fleeth wheresoever he seeth thee. O the height of the O Cross, which height never toucheth, and its profundity, which depth never reacheth: yea, height of the O Cross which breadth never encompasseth! Deliver me thy (servant) N. from all demonic wiles and wicked thoughts that remain within me. O Thou, O Devil, flee away from me, that I may know thee not. And as thou art cut off from heaven, so may the Holy Spirit cut thee off from me. And as thou art foreign to all happiness, so mayest thou be foreign to me. And as thou never desirest God, so mayest thou never desire to approach me. Flee, O Devil, from me, the (servant) of God, at the sign of the Holy O Cross. Behold the O Cross of the Lord, flee, bands of enemies; the lion of the tribe of Juda, the root of David,

**hath prevailed, (Apoc. 5:5) alleluya. And may the blessing of almighty God, the O Father and the O Son and the O Holy Spirit, and the Cross of Christ, come down upon me, and remain with me for ever. Amen.**

*ANOTHER EXORCISM*

**O** Lord, God almighty, King of kings and Lord of lords, in Whose hand is every victory and every waging of war is crushed, grant me that Thy hand may strengthen my heart. Grant that in Thy mighty power I may be able to deal manfully and well, with my hands and my powers, so that mine enemies may fall down before my face and may collapse, as Goliath collapsed before the face of Thy servant David, (1 Kgs 17:50) and as the people of Pharaoh before Moses in the Red Sea, (Exod. 15:4) and as the Philistines before the people of Israël fell down, (1 Kgs. 7:11-13) and Amalech before Moses (Exod. 7:13) and the Chanaanites before Josuë fell, (Jos. 24:11) so let mine enemies fall under my feet. May they come to me by one way and flee from me by seven, and may God crush their weapons and shatter their swords, and as wax before the presence of fire may they melt away in my presence, (Ps. 67:3) that all peoples of the earth may know that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ is called upon over me, and let Thy name be made very great amongst mine adversaries, O Lord, O Lord God of Israël!

See also the Entreaty to the Holy Angels of God on p. 375.



## READING the SCRIPTURES

*Kneel briefly, cross the ground with your thumb, kiss the cross, rise, & say:*

**O** God, be attentive unto helping me. O Lord, make haste to help me. *Say this thrice, with three prostrations, then add:*

**O Glory be... Our Father...** (p. 1)

*Make the sign of the cross upon your forehead, eyes, & all your members. Then, taking the Holy Bible into your hands, say:*

*(turned to the east:)* **May Matthew and Isaias intercede for me.**

*(turned to the south:)* **May Mark and Jeremias intercede for me.**

*(turned to the west:)* **May Luke and Ezechiel intercede for me.**

*(turned to the north:)* **May John and Daniel preserve me.**

*Turned east again, say the verses of Pope St. Leo III & the Lord's Prayer:*

**T**he O Cross is my refuge; the O Cross is my certain safety; the O Cross of the Lord is with me; before the O Cross I bow me humbly