

EVENING PRAYERS

The Trisagion Prayers

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who are in all places and fill all things, The Treasury of good things and the Giver of life: Come and abide in us, cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (Three Times)

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (Three Times)

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, unto ages of ages. Amen.

Prayer for the Evening

O eternal God, King of all creation, Who have kept me safe to attain to this hour, forgive me the sins which I have committed this day in thought, word, and deed. And cleanse, O Lord, my humble soul from every stain of flesh and spirit. Grant me, O Lord, to pass this night in

peace, to rise from my bed, and to please Your holy Name all the days of my life, and to vanquish the enemies, both corporeal and incorporeal, that contend against me. Deliver me, O Lord, from the vain thoughts that stain me, and from evil desires. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-Begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; The third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets; And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Psalms

Sunday, Psalm 70; Monday, Psalm 143; Tuesday, Psalm 141; Wednesday, Psalm 130; Thursday, Psalm 130; Friday, Psalm 17; Saturday, Psalm 51

The Gospel and Epistle

Referring to the Lectionary in the back of The Orthodox Study Bible, you may, as time permits, read the Gospel and Epistle for the day.

Intercessory Prayers

Remember, O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, Your mercies and loving-kindnesses, which have been from everlasting, and for the sake of which You did become man and deign to endure crucifixion and death for the salvation of all who rightly believe in You. You rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, and sit at the right hand of God the Father, and regard the humble prayers of all who call upon You with their whole heart. Incline Your ear and hear the humble entreaty of me, Your unprofitable servant, who offers it for an odor of spiritual fragrance for all Your people. And first of all remember **Your Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church** which You have purchased with Your precious blood.

Confirm and strengthen it, enlarge and multiply it, keep it in peace, and preserve it unconquerable by the gates of hell forever. Heal the schisms of the churches, quench the ragings of the heathen, speedily undo and root out for the growths of the heresies, and bring them to naught by the power of Your Holy Spirit.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy upon all **world rulers, on your president (name), on (names), and on all our civil authorities.** Speak peace and blessing in their hearts for Your holy Church and for all Your peoples, in order that we may live a calm and peaceful life, in all godliness and dignity.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy upon **patriarchs, metropolitans, archbishops, priests, ministers and deacons, and the whole clergy of Your Church,** which You have established to feed the flock of Your word, and by their prayers have mercy upon me, and save me, a sinner.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy upon **my spiritual father** (name) and by his holy prayers **forgive my transgressions.**

Save, O Lord, and have mercy upon my **parents (names), my brothers and sisters (names), my kinsmen after the flesh and my friends,** and grant them Your blessings both here and hereafter.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy upon **the old, the young, the needy, the orphans and the widows, and on all that are in sickness and sorrow, in distress and**

affliction, in oppression and captivity, in prison and confinement. More especially have mercy upon **Your servants who are under persecution for Your sake and for the sake of the Orthodox faith** at the hands of heathen nations, of apostates, and of heretics: remember them, visit, strength, keep and comfort them, and make haste to grant them, by Your power, relief, freedom and deliverance.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy upon **all who are sent on duty, all who travel, our fathers, brothers and sisters, and upon all true Christians.**

Save, O Lord, and have mercy upon **those who envy and affront me, and do me mischief**, and do not let them perish through me, a sinner.

Those who depart from the Orthodox faith, dazzled by destroying heresies, do enlighten by the light of Your holy wisdom, and unite them to Your Holy, Apostolic, Catholic Church.

[Add your own petitions]

A Prayer

O Christ our God, Who at all times and in ever hour in heaven and on earth are worshiped and glorified; Who are longsuffering, merciful and compassionate; Who love the just and show mercy upon sinners; Who call all to salvation through the promise of the good things to come; O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulation, evil and distress. Surround us with Your Holy Angels, so that guided and guarded by them, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the full knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. For You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Just Before Going to Sleep

Into your hands O Lord Jesus Christ, I commend my spirit and body; bless me, save me, and grant me eternal life. Amen.

Benediction

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

EVENING PRAYER



Icon of St. George and the Dragon

In the evening, we remember what we did during the day. Did we sin? Did we ask forgiveness, and make it right again? Now we ask forgiveness of God. We also pray for help to vanquish our spiritual enemies, like bad habits, or temptations to do the wrong thing. If we fear anyone, or anything, we ask God for help. We give ourselves to Jesus Christ.

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