
VIGIL PSALMS & PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to You, O God.

Lord have Mercy (12x)

O God of spirits and of all flesh, Who trampled down death by your own death and abolished the power of the devil, giving life to all Your world. Give rest also to the soul of Your departed servant _____ in a place of light, in a place of green pasture, in a place of refreshment, from where all sickness, sorrow, and sighing have fled away. As a good and loving God, forgive every sin committed by _____ in thought, word, or deed, for there is no one who lives and does not sin. For You alone are without sin.



Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your word is truth. For You are the resurrection, the life, and rest for Your departed servant _____, who here lies asleep in You, O Lord. So to You, O Christ our God, we offer up glory, with Your eternal Father, who is without beginning, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

And then begin to read the Psalms as follows

Psalms 3, 8, 16(17), 18(19), repeat prayers above
21(22)

Psalms 22(23), 56(57), 62(58), repeat prayers above
70(71), 83(72)

Psalms 102(103), 114(115), repeat prayers above
29(30), 30(31), 32(33)

Psalms 34(35), 41(42), repeat prayers above
45(46), 50(51)

Psalms 54(55), 103(104), repeat prayers above
117(118), 142(143)

*Repeat from the beginning, throughout the vigil,
until the time of the Funeral Service*



“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.”

1 Thess. 4:13-14

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PRAYERS OF THE HOURS

First Hour Prayers

In every moment direct me according to Your word, lest all lawlessness overpowers me. Rescue me from slanderous men, and guard me with Your commandments. Shine Your face upon Your servant and teach me Your statutes. Let my mouth be filled with Your praise O Lord so that I may sing of Your glory the whole day long, as is greatly fitting to do.

Christ the True Light, Who enlightens and sanctifies everyone who comes into the world, imprint the light of Your countenance upon us, in order that we may see Your unapproachable light. Direct us at every moment, to works in accordance with Your commandments. Through the prayers of Your all-pure Mother and all Your saints. Amen.

Third Hour Prayers

Lord, Who sent down Your Holy Spirit in the third hour to Your Apostles; take not Your Spirit from us, but rather restore Your Spirit

in us who pray to You, O Good One.

You are blessed, O Christ our God, Who made the fishermen wise by sending down Your Holy Spirit. Through them You have captured the world into their nets. Glory to You, O Lover of Mankind!

Prayer of St. Mardarios

O God the Master, Father All-Powerful, O Lord, the Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit; One Godhead, One Power, have mercy on me a sinner and save me, Your unworthy servant, as You are the knower of all judgments. For You are blessed now and always. Amen.

Sixth Hour Prayers

O You Who on the sixth day and hour nailed to the cross the sin which rebellious Adam committed in Paradise, tear asunder also the bond of our iniquities, O Christ our God, and save us.

Prayer of St. Basil

God, Lord of hosts and Maker of all creation, who in Your great compassion and mercy sent down Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the redemption of mankind and by His precious Cross destroyed the record of our sins, triumphing over the source and power of darkness: O Lord and Lover of mankind, accept also the thanksgiving and fervent

prayers of us sinners. Deliver us from every dark and harmful transgression and from all the visible and invisible enemies that seek to destroy us. Nail our flesh to the fear of You, and do not incline our hearts to deceitful words or thoughts, but wound our souls with love for You, that always looking to You, guided by Your light, and seeing You, the eternal and ineffable Light, we may give You unceasing praise and thanksgiving: to the Father without beginning, with Your Only-Begotten Son and Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Ninth Hour Prayers

O Christ God, Who at the ninth hour tasted death in the flesh for our sake, put to death the arrogance of our flesh and save us!

When the Thief saw the Author of Life hanging on the cross he said: If God had not become flesh, He would not have been crucified with us, nor would the sun have hidden its rays. Nor would the earth quake. But You O Lord, Who are the upholder of all, remember me in Your Kingdom.

Prayer of St. Basil

O Lord and Master, Jesus Christ our God, Who are greatly patient with our trespasses, and has led us to the beginning of the present

hour, when You were hanging upon the life-giving tree, You made an entrance into paradise for the Good -minded Thief and destroyed death by death. Forgive us, Your unworthy servants, our sins. For we have sinned and transgressed against Your law and we are not worthy to lift our eyes to look up to the height of heaven. Whereas we have left behind the way of Your righteousness and have followed the will of our own hearts. But we entreat Your boundless goodness. Spare us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Your mercy and save us for the sake of Your Holy Name. For we have spent our days in vanity. Deliver us from the hand of the one who lies against us, and forgive us our sins and put to death our bodily mind. Therefore by putting away the old man, we may live in You, our Master and Protector. And so following Your commands, we may attain eternal rest wherein is the habitation of those who rejoice. For You are truly the delight and joy of those who love You, O Christ our God. And to You we give praise, together with Your beginningless Father and Your Good and Life-Creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Vespers Prayers

O joyful light of the holy glory of the immortal Father, the heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. Now that we have reached the setting of the sun and behold the evening light, we sing to

God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is fitting at all times to praise you with cheerful voices, O Son of God, the Giver of life. Behold, the world sings your glory.

O Lord, keep us this evening without sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is your name to the ages. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be upon us for we have set our hope in you. Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. Blessed are you, Master, grant me understanding of your commandments. Blessed are you, Holy One, enlighten me with your commandments. Lord your mercy is forever. Do not despise the works of your hands. To you is due praise, to you is due song, to you is due glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Evening Compline Prayers

Grant us, Master, as we depart for sleep, rest for body and soul. Protect us from the gloom of sinful sleep and from all dark pleasures of the night. Calm the impulses of passion, and quench the fiery darts of evil which are treacherously cast against us. Check the turbulence of our flesh and lull all our earthly and mundane thoughts. Grant us, O God, a watchful mind, prudent reason, a vigilant heart and tranquil sleep, free from all evil dreams.

Raise us up at the hour of prayer, strengthen us in your commandments, and keep unshaken within us the remembrance of your judgments. Grant us to glorify you all night long that we may praise and bless and glorify your all honorable and magnificent name, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Most glorious, ever virgin, blessed Theotokos, present our prayers to your Son and our God, and plead with him, that through you he may save our souls.

My hope is the Father, my refuge the Son, my protection, the Holy Spirit. Holy Trinity, glory to you.

My every hope I place in you, Mother of God. Keep me under your protection.

