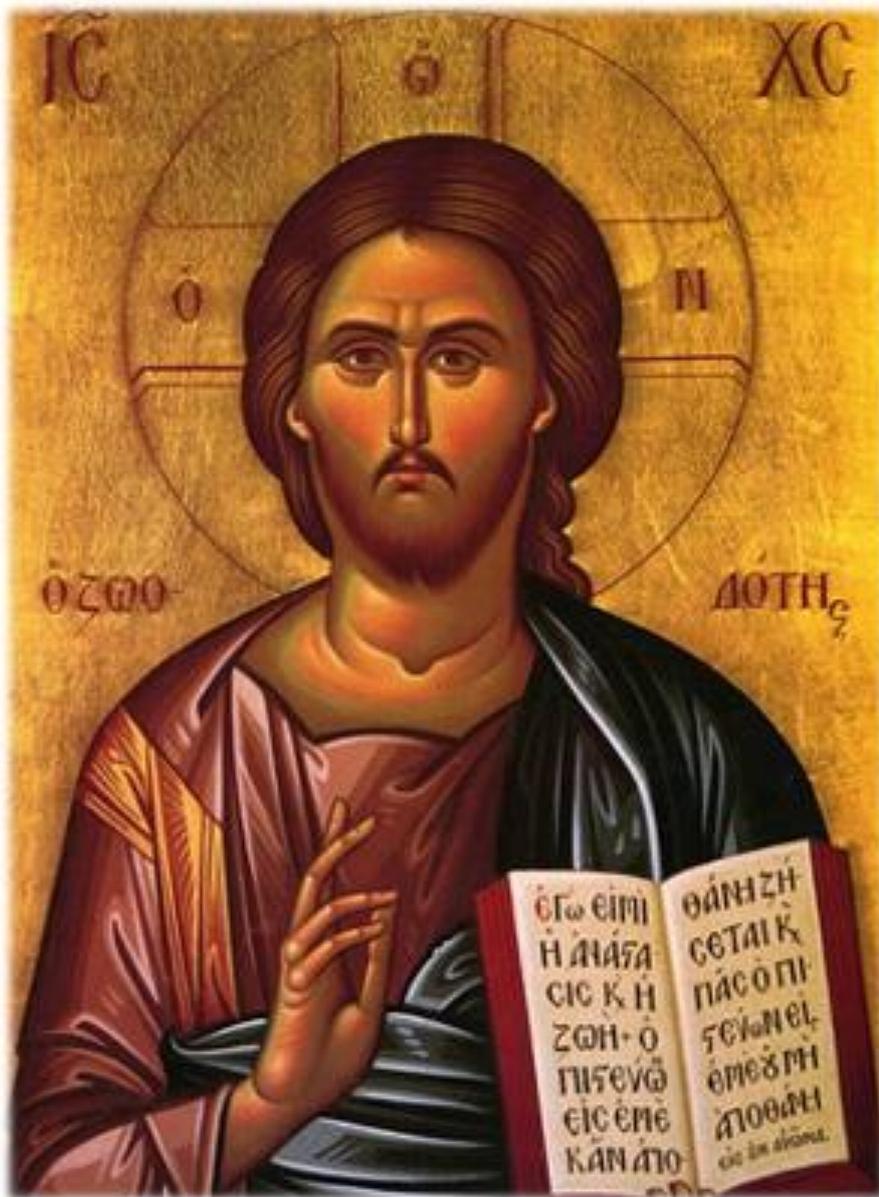


Little Compline



The Little Compline

Blessed is our God always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Amen

(If no clergy present begin here)

Glory be to You, our God, glory be to You.

O Heavenly King, Comforter and Spirit of Truth, You that are in all places and fill all things, the Treasury of Blessings and the Giver of Life: come to dwell in us, cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Gracious One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us (X 3)

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

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God visit and heal our infirmities for your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (X 3)

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

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.

If no clergy present:

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

Priest:

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy (X12)

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

O come let us worship and fall down before God our King.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

Psalm 50

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your loving-kindness; According to the multitude of your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight - That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part you will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness that the bones you have broken may rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me by your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall be converted to you.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth your praise. For you do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; you do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart - These, O God, You will not despise.

Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then you shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

Psalm 69

Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O Lord! Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused who desire my hurt. Let them be turned back because of their shame, who say, "Aha, aha!" Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; and let those who love your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!" But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm 142

Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, and in your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for in your sight no one living is righteous. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, like those who have long been dead. Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is distressed.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all your works; I muse on the work of your hands. I spread out my hands to you; my soul longs for you like a thirsty land. Answer me speedily, O Lord; my spirit fails! Do not hide your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.

Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; In You I take shelter. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I am your servant.

Doxology

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will to all people.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty; Lord the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us, You Who take away the sins of the world.

Receive our prayer, You Who sit at the right hand of the Father; and have mercy on us.

For You alone are Holy, You only are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your Name to the ages of ages.

Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: O Lord have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have run to You for refuge; teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For in You is the source of Life, in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy unto those that know You.

Grant, Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

Blessed are You, Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages of ages.

May Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as our hope is in You.

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your Statutes. Blessed are You, O Master, make me to understand Your precepts. Blessed are You, O Holy One, enlighten me with Your justice.

Your mercy, O Lord, endures for ever: Despise not the works of Your hands.

To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen

The Creed

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father, through Him all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate and suffered and was buried.

And rose on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

And will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the Prophets.

And in One, Holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the age to come. Amen.

(Additional prayers or canons can be inserted here)

Hymn to the Theotokos *(to be read)*

It is truly right to call you blessed, who gave birth to God, ever blessed and most pure, Mother of our God. Greater in honour than the Cherubim and beyond compare, more glorious than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the Word; truly the Mother of God, we magnify you.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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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.

If no clergy present:

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

Priest:

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now and forever and to the ages of ages.

Amen

O God of our fathers, whoever deals with us according to your goodness, remove not Your mercy from us but by their intercessions direct our lives in peace.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us. For we sinners, having no defence, offer this petition to You, our Master, have mercy on us.

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

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have put our trust in You. Do not be angry with us, nor remember our iniquities, but look upon us in Your loving kindness, and deliver us from our enemies. For You are our God, and we are Your people, we are all the work of Your hands, and we call upon Your Name.

Now, and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Open unto us the door of your loving kindness, O blessed Birth-giver of God because we have set our hope on you. We will not fail, but through you we will be delivered from all adversities; for you are the salvation of all the Christian people.

Lord, have mercy. (x40)

At all times and at every hour, You are worshipped and glorified in heaven and on earth, O Christ our God, long-suffering and most merciful and compassionate. You love the righteous and have mercy on sinners, calling all to salvation through the promise of good things to come. At this very hour receive our prayers, O Lord, and guide our life towards Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our intentions, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil and pain. Surround us with Your holy Angels, so that, guided and guarded by Your heavenly Host, we may attain to the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. For You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Greater in honour than the Cherubim, and beyond compare, more glorious than the Seraphim; without corruption you gave birth to God the Word: truly The Mother of God, we magnify you.

If clergy is present:

People:

Bless, Father, in the Name of the Lord.

Priest:

God be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and be merciful to us.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (x12)

O Most Holy Mother of God save us.

A prayer to the Theotokos by the Monk Paul

(Usually read at the front of the icon of the Theotokos)

O all-pure, undefiled, incorrupt, all-chaste, all-blessed Lady, blameless Bride of God, who by your most glorious birth-giving, united the Word of God with man and linked our fallen nature with the heavenly. You are alone the hope of the hopeless, the helper of those attacked, the speedy defender of those who flee to you, and the refuge of all Christians. Do not despise me, I a sinner who is defiled by evil thoughts, words and deeds, and who became slave of life's pleasures. But being Mother of God, the lover of mankind, have mercy in compassion on me, your sinful and prodigal servant.

Accept this prayer which I offer to you from my impure lips, and exercising your maternal favour with your Son, our Lord and Master, intercede with Him to open to me the wings of His love of mankind, His loving-kindness, and bounty.

Beseech Him to disregard my countless transgressions and to lead me back to true repentance, and to make me a keeper and a faithful doer of His commandments. And as you are gracious, compassionate, and tender-hearted, be ever present with me in this life as my mediatrix and helper, to repel the assaults of my adversaries and to guide me to salvation, and at the hour of departure of my wretched soul, care for me and drive from it the dark form of evils; and in the dreadful Judgment Day deliver me from everlasting punishments and torments, revealing me as an heir of the unspeakable glory of your Son and our God.

All which I shall obtain, O holy Mother of God, my Lady, through your mediation and intercession. By the grace and compassion of your only begotten Son, our Lord God, and, Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom belong with His eternal Father, and the all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit all honour, glory and worship now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

A prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ by the Monk Antiochus

(Usually read at the front of the icon of Christ)

And now as we lay down to sleep, O Master, grant us repose both of body and soul, and preserve us from the dark sleep of sin and from the sensuous pleasure of the dark passions of the night. Still the assaults of passions; quench the fiery darts of evil which are craftily directed against us; calm the commotions of our flesh and put away all earthly and material thoughts as we sleep. And grant us, O God, a watchful mind, pure thoughts, a sober heart, and a gentle sleep, free from all the fantasies of Satan.

Raise us up again at the hour of prayer, strengthened in your commandments, and holding steadfast within ourselves the remembrance of Your judgments. Give us the words of Your glorification, all night long, that we may praise, bless, and glorify Your most honorable and magnificent Name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O most glorious, ever-virgin and blessed Mother of God, entrust our prayer to your Son, our God, and implore Him to save our souls through you.

The Father is my hope; the Son is my refuge; the Holy Spirit is my shelter. O Holy Trinity, glory to You.

All my hope I place in you, O Mother of God; keep me under the wings of your care.

Prayer To the Guardian Angel

Holy Angel, attendant on my wretched soul and my afflicted life, do not abandon me, a sinner, nor depart from me because of my lack of self-control. Give no place to the wicked demon to dominate me by taking over this mortal body of mine. Hold my wretched and feeble hand, and lead me on the way of salvation. Yes, holy Angel of God, guardian and protector of my wretched soul and body, forgive me everything that I have done to trouble you all the days of my life, and if I have sinned in anything today. Shelter me tonight, and preserve me from every prank of the enemy, that I may not anger God by any sin. Intercede with the Lord on my behalf, that He strengthen me in the fear of Him, and that He make me a worthy servant of His goodness. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

If no clergy present use this dismissal:

Chant the following hymns while venerating the icons

Troparion Tone 4

Commanders of the Heavenly Hosts, we who are unworthy beseech you. By your prayer encompass us under the wings of your incorporeal glory and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you deliver us from all harm for you are for you are the commander of the powers on high.

Kontakion to the Theotokos in Tone 8

O Champion leader, to you I offer thanks of victory. O Theotokos you have delivered me from terror. And as you have invincible power, O Theotokos, you alone can set me free from all danger. Set me free and deliver me, that I may cry out to you: Rejoice O Bride without Bridegroom.

Troparion to the Theotokos in Tone 5

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb; for you gave birth to the Saviour of our souls (*three times*)

Troparion to the Theotokos in Tone 3

Awed by the beauty of your virginity and the exceeding radiance of your purity, Gabriel cried out unto you, O Theotokos: "What worthy hymn of praise can I offer unto you? And what shall I name you? I am in doubt and stand in awe. Wherefore as commanded, I cry to you: Rejoice O Full of Grace."

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

THE DISMISSAL

If clergy present continue here:

Priest:

Glory to You, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to You.

People:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy (x3).

Father, bless in the name of the Lord.

Priest:

O Christ our God, through the intercessions of our all-pure Lady, the ever-virgin Mary, Mother of God, of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, of Saint N... Patron Saint of this Church, and of all Your Saints, have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as You are good and the lover of mankind.

Choir: Amen.

(If there are other clergy present)

Priest: Bless me, holy Fathers, and forgive me, I am a sinner

And the priest turns towards the people saying:

Priest: Forgive me brothers and sisters, I am a sinner.

People: May God forgive you, holy Father and forgive us.

Ektenia

*The priest recites the following Ektenia, the people respond to each petition with: **Lord, have mercy***

Let us pray for the peace of the world.

For pious and Orthodox Christians.

For our Father Metropolitan (*Name*), and all our brethren in Christ.

For those who govern this country and our armed forces, that they may govern and serve in righteousness.

For our absent fathers and brethren.

For those who hate us, and those who love us.

For those who are kind to us and those who serve us.

For those who have asked us to pray for them, although we are unworthy.

For the deliverance of captives and their salvation.

For those who travel by sea, by land, and by air.

For those who lie in sick.

Let us pray also for abundance of the fruits of the earth.

For the founders of this Holy Church, and our parents, teachers, and all our fathers gone before us, the Orthodox, who here and everywhere lie asleep in the Lord, let us say for them

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

And have mercy on us and save us for You are a good God and love mankind.

Choir: Amen

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Choir: Amen.



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