

The Ninth Hour

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

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*thrice*)

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, look upon and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

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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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

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Lord have mercy. (12)

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Come, let us worship God our King.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God.

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Psalm 83

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts; my soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the turtle-dove a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; unto ages of ages shall they praise thee. Blessed is the man whose succor is from thee, in whose heart he hath disposed to ascend to the vale of weeping, to the place which he hath set, for the Law-giver shall give a blessing. They shall go from strength to strength; the God of gods shall be seen in Zion. O Lord God of Hosts, hearken unto my prayer; give heed, O God of Jacob. Behold, O God our Defender, and look upon the face of thine

anointed. For better is one day in thy courts than a thousand *elsewhere*. I have elected to be an outcast in the house of my God rather than to dwell in the tabernacles of sinner. For the Lord God loveth mercy and truth, He shall give grace and glory. The Lord shall not deprive of good things them that walk in innocence. O Lord God of Hosts, blessed is the man that hopeth in thee.

Psalm 84

Thou wast well-pleased, O Lord, with thy land; thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the transgression of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin. Thou hast calmed all thy wrath; thou hast turned back from the wrath of thy displeasure. Turn us, O God of our salvation, and turn thy displeasure away from us. Wilt thou be wroth with us forever? or wilt thou extend thy wrath from generation to generation? O God, thou shalt turn and quicken us, and thy people shall be glad in thee. Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. I will hear what the Lord God will speak concerning me, for He shall speak peace to his people, and to his Saints, and to them that turn their heart unto him. Yet his salvation is nigh to them that fear him, that glory may abide in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed. Truth hath sprung out of the earth; and righteousness hath

shone down from heaven. For the Lord shall give goodness, and our land shall give her fruit. Righteousness shall go before him, and he shall set his steps in the way.

Psalm 85

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hearken unto me, for poor and needy am I. Keep my soul, for I am holy; save thy servant, O my God, that hopeth in thee. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for unto thee I cry all the day long; make glad the soul of the servant, for unto thee have I lifted up my soul. For thou, O Lord, are good and kind, and great in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplication. In the day of my tribulation I cried unto thee, for thou hast hearkened unto me. There is none like unto thee among the gods, O Lord, and there are none like unto thy works. All the nations which thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord, and shall glorify thy name: for thou art great and workest wonders; thou alone art God. Guide me, O Lord, in thy way, and I will walk in thy truth; let my heart be glad, that I may fear thy name. I will confess thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify thy name for ever. For great is thy mercy toward me, and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. O God, the lawless are risen up against me, and a congregation

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of mighty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before them. But thou, O Lord my God, art compassionate and merciful, long-suffering and great in mercy, and true. Look upon me, and have mercy on me; give strength unto thy child, and save the son of thy handmaid. Work upon me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, for thou, O Lord, hast helped me and comforted me.

And again:

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, glory to Thee, O God. (3)

Lord, have mercy (3).

When Alleluia is sung (i.e. during a fast), the appointed kathisma is read here. Afterwards the reader continues:

Lord, have mercy (3).

Troparion of the Ninth Hour, tone 8

O Thou who, at the ninth hour, / for our sake didst taste of death in the flesh, // mortify the presumption of our flesh, O Christ God, and save us.

Let my prayer come nigh before Thee, O Lord; give me understanding according to Thy word.

repeat: O Thou who, at the ninth hour...

Let my petition come before Thee, O Lord;; according to Thy word, deliver me.

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

O Thou who for our sakes wast born of a Virgin, and didst endure the crucifixion, O Good One, and didst despoil death by death, and as God didst manifest the Resurrection, despise not them that Thou hast fashioned with Thy hand. Manifest Thy love of man, O Merciful One; accept the Theotokos, who bare Thee, and who intercedeth for us, and save Thy despairing people, O our Savior.

Forsake us not till the end, for Thy name's sake, neither do away with Thy covenant, nor withdraw Thy mercy from us, for the sake of Abraham, beloved of Thee, and for Isaac Thy servant, and Israel Thy holy one.

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Troparia, tone 8

When the thief saw the Author of life hanging on the Cross, / he said: If it were not God incarnate who is crucified with us, / then the sun would not hide its rays, nor would the earth quake and shake. // But Thou, O all-enduring One, remember me, O Lord, in Thy kingdom.

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

In the midst, between two thieves, / was Thy Cross found to be the balance beam of righteousness: / the one was brought down to hell by the heaviness

of his blasphemy, / while the other's offenses were made light unto the knowledge of theology. / O Christ God, glory to Thee.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Contemplating Thee, the Lamb, Shepherd, and Savior of the world on the Cross, / she that bare Thee said tearfully: / 'While the world rejoiceth receiving redemption, / my heart burneth beholding Thy crucifixion, / which Thou dost endure for all, O my Son and my God.

Lord, have mercy. (40)

O Thou, who at all times and at every hour, both in heaven and on earth, art worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, long-suffering, great in mercy and goodness of heart; who lovest the righteous and hast mercy on sinners; who callest all men to salvation through the tidings of good things to come: do thou, the same Lord, receive also our prayers at this hour, direct our lives in Thy commandments, sanctify our souls, cleanse our bodies, direct our thoughts, cleanse our minds, and deliver us from every tribulation, wickedness, and affliction; encompass us by Thy holy angels, that guarded and guided by their host, we may become worthy of the unity of the faith and of the understanding of Thine unapproachable glory, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (3)

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious without compare than the Seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, verily Theotokos, we magnify thee.

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Prayer of St. Ephraim (*during a fast*)

O Lord and Master of my life, the spirit of idleness, of despondency, of love of power, and of idle words, grant me not. *prostration*

But the spirit of continence, of humility, of patience, and of love, do Thou grant unto me, Thy servant. *prostration*

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to perceive mine own offenses, and not to judge my brother; for blessed art thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

prostration

The Prayer of St. Basil the Great

O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, who art longsuffering toward our offenses and hast led us even to this present hour, at which Thou didst hang upon the life-creating tree, and didst make the way

of entry into Paradise for the wise thief, and by death didst abolish death: Cleanse us sinners and Thine unworthy servants, for we have sinned and transgressed, and we are not worthy to lift up our sight and look upon the height of heaven, inasmuch as we have forsaken the way of Thy righteousness, and have walked according to the will of our own hearts. But, we implore of Thine incomparable goodness, spare us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, and save us for Thy holy name's sake, for our days are vanished in vanity. Redeem us from the hand of the adversary, and forgive our sins, and mortify our fleshly desires, that having put off the old man, we may be clothed upon with the new, and may live unto Thee, our Master and Protector, so that, following Thine ordinances, we may attain unto unceasing rest, wherein is the dwelling-place of them that are glad. For thou art in truth the true gladness and joy of them that love Thee, O Christ our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with Thy Father who is without beginning, and thine all-holy, and good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.