



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

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things. Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One!

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

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. (3x) Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto 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.

Lord, have mercy. (3x) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God our King.

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

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

PSALM 67 (66 LXX)

An invocation and a giving of praise

O God, be merciful to us and bless us,
and shine the light of Your face on us,
and have mercy on us,
that we may know Your way upon the earth,
and Your salvation among all the nations.
Let the peoples praise You, O God,
let all the peoples give thanks to You.
Let the nations be glad and rejoice,
for You judge the peoples with justice,
and guide the nations upon the earth.
Let the peoples praise You, O God,
let all the peoples give thanks to You.
The earth has yielded its crop,
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God bless us continually,
and let all the ends of the earth fear Him.

Please continue praying for Irina Gozick.

Today we will have an easy day, a bit less prayers.

PRAYERS TO END THE PANDEMIC OF CORONAVIRUS

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible: In Your inexpressible goodness, look down upon us, Your people gathered in Your Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction, for You know all our weaknesses and hear our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O loving Lord, deliver us from the impending threat of the coronavirus. Send Your angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of the physicians and heal Your servants through them. Grant wisdom to those who are working on the vaccine for this virus. And

preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace that together we may glorify Your most honorable and majestic Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, in Your loving care, You traveled through towns and villages healing every disease and sickness, and at Your command, the sick were made well: Yourself now come to our aid, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, and grant us to experience the miracle Your healing love.

Comfort the families of those who are sick or have died. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. And as they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Guide the hands of the doctors and nurses and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. And impart Your wisdom on the researchers working on the vaccine for coronavirus.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim immunity to a disease that knows no boundaries. Instill the fear of You in the leaders of our nation and other nations of the world. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

O Master and Lord, our Savior, Healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, stay with us as we patiently endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

For You are a merciful and loving God, and to You we give glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRAYER FOR DOCTORS AND NURSES

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Lover of mankind, Physician of our souls and bodies, You endured the pain of our infirmities, and by Your wounds we are healed. You gave sight to the man born blind and straightened the woman who was bent over for 18 years. You gave speech and sight to the mute man who was possessed by demons. You not only forgave the paralyzed man his sins, but healed him to walk. You restored the withered hand of a man in the synagogue and stopped the flow of blood of a woman who bled for 12 years. You raised Jairus' daughter back to life and resurrected Lazarus who was dead four days. You heal every infirmity under the sun: Yourself now, O Lord, grant Your grace to all the doctors, nurses, physicians, and researchers, who have labored and studied hour upon hour, to go into all the world, and also to heal by the talent You have given to each of them. Strengthen them by Your strength, that they may not fear evil or disease. Enlighten them to do no evil by the works of their hands, and preserve them and those they serve in peace. For You are our God, and to You we give glory together with Your Father, Who has no beginning, and Your Most Holy, Good, and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 22:1-18

22¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on

together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God Himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.” ¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, ¹⁶ and said, “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸ and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Proverbs 17:17-18:5

¹⁷ A friend loves at all times,
and kinsfolk are born to share adversity.

¹⁸ It is senseless to give a pledge,
to become surety for a neighbor.

¹⁹ One who loves transgression loves strife;
one who builds a high threshold invites broken bones.

²⁰ The crooked of mind do not prosper,
and the perverse of tongue fall into calamity.

- ²¹ The one who begets a fool gets trouble;
the parent of a fool has no joy.
- ²² A cheerful heart is a good medicine,
but a downcast spirit dries up the bones.
- ²³ The wicked accept a concealed bribe
to pervert the ways of justice.
- ²⁴ The discerning person looks to wisdom,
but the eyes of a fool to the ends of the earth.
- ²⁵ Foolish children are a grief to their father
and bitterness to her who bore them.
- ²⁶ To impose a fine on the innocent is not right,
or to flog the noble for their integrity.
- ²⁷ One who spares words is knowledgeable;
one who is cool in spirit has understanding.
- ²⁸ Even fools who keep silent are considered wise;
when they close their lips, they are deemed intelligent.
- 18** ¹ The one who lives alone is self-indulgent,
showing contempt for all who have sound judgment.
- ² A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing personal opinion.
- ³ When wickedness comes, contempt comes also;
and with dishonor comes disgrace.
- ⁴ The words of the mouth are deep waters;
the fountain of wisdom is a gushing stream.
- ⁵ It is not right to be partial to the guilty,
or to subvert the innocent in judgment.

SAINT OF THE DAY

Saint James the Confessor, Bishop of Catania

James, Bishop and Confessor, was inclined toward the ascetic life from his early years. James left the world and entered the Studite monastery in Constantinople, where he was tonsured. He led a strict life, full of works, fasting and prayer. Pious and well-versed in Holy Scripture, James was elevated to the bishop's throne of Catania (Sicily).

During the reign of the iconoclast emperor Constantine V Copronymos (741-775), James was repeatedly urged not to venerate the holy icons. They exhausted him in prison, starved him, and beat him, but he bravely endured all these torments. Saint James died in exile.

TWO PRAYERS TO SAINT JAMES

Troparion

Shining forth in holy abstinence,
you rightly teach the inspired word of truth
as a hierarch and minister of God the Word.
By your virtuous struggle you revealed and confirmed
the grace granted to you, O James,
instructing all to venerate the image of the Savior,
to Whom you pray for us all.

Kontakion

You excelled in the gifts of the priesthood,
and through your labors You became illustrious in confessing the faith.
Since you are a fruitful branch of Christ the True Vine,
grant the new wine of forgiveness and salvation to those who cry,
“Rejoice, O Father James!”

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos we magnify you.

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

