

## **Small Compline**

*+In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

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 blessings and Giver of life: Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

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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.  
*Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Lord, have mercy. (12x) 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!

### ***A Prayer to the Guardian Angel***

O holy angel, attendant of my wretched soul and of my afflicted life, forsake me not, a sinner, neither depart from me for my incontinency. Give no place to the evil demon to subdue me with the oppression of this mortal body; but take me by my wretched and outstretched hand, and lead me in the way of salvation. Yea, O holy angel of God, the guardian and protector of my hapless soul and body, forgive me all the things by which I have troubled thee, all the days of my life, and for the sins I have committed today. Shelter me in this present night, and keep me from every affront of the enemy, lest I anger God by any sin; and intercede with the Lord on my behalf, that He might strengthen me, and make me a worthy servant of His goodness. Amen.

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos! Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb; for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls. (3x)

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

### ***Psalm 50/51***

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin, for I know mine iniquity, and my sin is ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned and done this evil in Thy sight; that Thou mightest be justified in Thy words, and victorious when Thou art judged. For behold, I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother bear me. For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom hast Thou revealed unto me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be made clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; my humbled bones shall rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and with Thy governing Spirit establish me. [Then] I shall teach transgressors Thy ways, and the ungodly shall turn back unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; my tongue shall rejoice in Thy righteousness. O Lord, Thou shalt open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise. For if Thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would have given it; with whole-burnt offerings Thou shalt not be pleased. A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humbled God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Thy good pleasure unto Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built. Then shalt Thou be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with oblation and whole-burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls upon Thine Altar.

### ***Psalm 69 (70)***

O God, be attentive unto helping me; O Lord, make haste to help me. (3x) Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and brought to shame who desire evils against me. Let them be turned back straightway in shame that say to me: Well done! Well done! Let them be glad and rejoice in Thee, all that seek after Thee, O God, and let those who love Thy salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified. But as for me, I am poor and needy; O God, come to my aid. Thou art my Helper and my deliverer, O Lord; make no long tarrying.

### ***Psalm 142(3)***

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my supplications! In Thy faithfulness answer me, in Thy righteousness! Enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for no man living is righteous before Thee. For the enemy has pursued me; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. I remember the days of old, I meditate on all that Thou has done; I muse on what Thy hands have wrought. I stretch out my hands to Thee; my soul thirsts for Thee like a parched land. Make haste to answer me, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the Pit. Let me hear in the morning of Thy steadfast love, for in Thee I put my trust. Teach me the way I should go, for to Thee I lift up my soul. Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies! I have fled to Thee for refuge! Teach me to do Thy will for Thou art my God! Let Thy good Spirit led me on a level path! For Thy Name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In Thy righteousness bring me out of trouble! And in Thy steadfast love cut off my enemies, and destroy all my adversaries, for I am Thy servant.

### ***The Great Doxology***

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men! We praise Thee! We bless Thee! We worship Thee! We glorify Thee! We give thanks to Thee for

### ***Evening Prayer to Christ***

And grant unto us, O Master, when we go to sleep, repose of body and soul; and keep us from the murky slumbering of sin and from every dark voluptuousness of night. Calm the violence of the passions, quench the fiery darts of the evil one which are treacherously hurled against us. Subdue the rebellions of our flesh, and quell our every earthly and material thought. And grant unto us, O God, a watchful mind, a chaste thought, a sober heart, and sleep light and free from all satanic fantasies. And raise us up at the hour of prayer, established in Thy commandments and holding the remembrance of Thy judgments unshakable within us. Grant us to hymn Thy glory all the night long, that we may praise and bless and glorify Thine all-honored and majestic Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most glorious, Ever-virgin, blessed Theotokos, present our prayer to thy Son and our God, and pray that through thee He would save our souls.

My hope is the Father, my refuge the Son, my shelter the Holy Spirit. O Holy Trinity, glory be to Thee!

Unto thee do I commit mine every hope, O Mother of God; guard me under thy shelter.

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace, the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child—our God Who existed before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens.

### ***Evening Prayer to the Theotokos***

O spotless, undefiled, incorrupt, immaculate, pure Virgin, Lady Bride of God, who by thy wondrous conceiving has united God the Word to man, and joined the outcast nature of our race to heavenly things. O only hope of the hopeless, and succor of the embattled, the ready help of those who have recourse to thee, and refuge of all Christians: abhor me not, the sinner, the accursed one, who have altogether made myself unprofitable by shameful thoughts, words, and deeds, and with the heartsease of life's pleasures am become a thrall in mind. But as the Mother of the man-befriending God, in thy man-befriending way, take pity upon me a sinner and prodigal, and receive my supplication, offered to thee on unclean lips. And using thy boldness as a mother, entreat thy Son, our Master and Lord, that He may open even unto me the loving compassions of His goodness, and that, overlooking mine innumerable trespasses, He would turn me to repentance, and make me the approved doer of His commandments. And be ever with me, as thou art merciful, and compassionate, and the lover of good, being in this life a fervent protectress and help, to defend me from the assaults of adversaries, and guide me unto salvation; and in the hour of my departure, to care for my wretched soul, and drive far from it the dark countenances of evil demons; and in the terrible day of judgment, to deliver me from eternal torment, and show me forth as an heir of the unspeakable glory of thy Son and our God. This be my lot, O my Lady, most holy Theotokos, by thy mediation and help, through the grace and love for man of Thine Only-begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, to Whom is due all glory, honor, and worship, with His Father Who is without beginning, and His All-holy and good and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Thy great glory! O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father almighty! O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit! O Lord, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us! Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father have mercy on us! For Thou only art holy, Thou only art Lord, Thou only, O Jesus Christ, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen! Every night will I give thanks to Thee and praise Thy Name forever and ever! Lord Thou has been our refuge from generation to generation! I said, Lord be merciful to me, heal my soul for I have sinned against Thee. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. For with Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light. O continue forth Thy mercy upon those who know Thee! Grant, O Lord, that we may keep this night without sin! Blessed art Thou, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy Name forever. Amen! Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes! Blessed art Thou, O Master, make me understand Thy commandments! Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me with Thy precepts! Thy mercy, O Lord endures forever! O despise not the works of Thy hands! To Thee belongeth worship! To Thee belongeth praise! To Thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!

### ***The Symbol of Faith***

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 ages. Light of Light, true God of true 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 became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And 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 in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the 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. 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.

*(A Canon or Akathist may be added here.)*

Amen! It is truly meet to bless thee, 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 thou gavest birth to God the Word: true Theotokos we magnify thee!

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*(Troparia and Kontakia for the Day)*

Lord, have mercy! (40x)

O Thou Who at every season and every hour in Heaven and on earth art worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God—longsuffering, greatly-merciful and deeply-compassionate; Who lovest the just and showest mercy upon the sinner; Who callest all men to salvation through the promise of good things to come:

Do Thou, the same Lord, accept also our prayers in this hour, and direct our lives according to Thy commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, guide aright our minds, cleanse our thoughts, and deliver us from every affliction, evil, and sickness. Compass us about with Thy holy Angels, that guarded and guided by their array, we may attain unto unity of faith and the knowledge of Thine unapproachable Glory, for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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In the Name of the Lord, Father bless! Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us.

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Save, help, and protect us, O Virgin Theotokos.