

# Great Compline

## for weekdays of Great Lent

**Priest:** Blessed is our God always, now, and ever and unto ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen. Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere and fill 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... now and ever...

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Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Glory... now and ever...

**People:** 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 the evil one.

**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 ever and unto ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen. Lord have mercy. (12x)

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

**Reader:** **Psalms 4, 6, & 12**

Glory... now and ever...

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3x)

Lord have mercy. (3x)

Glory... now and ever...

**Psalms 24, 30, & 90**

Glory... now and ever...

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory to You, O God. (3x)

***GOD IS WITH US***

**Cantor:** God is with us! Understand all you nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

**Choir:** God is with us! Understand all you nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us! [*Refrain:* For God is with us!]

**Cantor:** Hear this, all you ends of the earth! Submit yourselves, you mighty ones! Even if your strength returns, you shall be overthrown once more!

Take counsel together, if you wish, but it will come to nothing. Make plans, if you wish, but they will never stand, even among yourselves. We do not fear your threats, nor are we troubled!

For the Lord our God is holy, and Him we will fear. If I trust in Him, He will be my sanctification. I will wait for Him, He will save me!

Behold, I and the children whom God has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of Hosts. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. To those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, a light is risen!

For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. And the government shall be upon His shoulder. And of His peace there shall be no end!

And His Name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel. Wonderful, Counsellor. Mighty God, Eternal Ruler, Prince of Peace. The Father of the World to Come!

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God is with us! Understand all you nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

**Choir:** God is with us! Understand all you nations, and submit yourselves, for God is with us!

### **Troparia for the Day's End in tone 6**

Now that the day is over, I thank You, O Lord,  
and I pray that I may pass the evening and the night without sin.//  
Grant this, O Savior, and save me!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
Now that the day is over, I glorify You, O Master,  
and I pray that I may pass the evening and the night without giving offense.//  
Grant this, O Savior, and save me!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
Now that the day is over, I praise You, O Holy One,  
and I pray that I may pass the evening and the night without temptation.//  
Grant this, O Savior, and save me!

The bodiless nature of the Cherubim with unceasing hymns glorify You.

The six-winged Seraphim, with never-ceasing voices, supremely exalt You. And all the ranks of Angels praise Thee with thrice-holy hymns. For before all You are the existing Father, and You have Your co-unoriginate Son; and bearing the co-honorable Spirit of life, You manifest the Indivisible Trinity. O Most holy Virgin Mother of God, and you eyewitnesses of the Word and servants, all the choirs of Prophets and Martyrs, who have attained unto life immortal, supplicate earnestly for us all, for we all are in distress; that, delivered from the delusion of the evil one, we may cry out the angelic hymn:// Holy, Holy, Holy, Thrice-holy Lord, have mercy and save us. Amen.

### **Nicene Creed**

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 worshipped 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.

**Priest:** Most holy Lady Theotokos, intercede for us sinners.

**Choir:** Most holy Lady Theotokos, intercede for us sinners.

**Priest:** Most holy Lady Theotokos, intercede for us sinners.  
All you Heavenly Host of the holy Angels and Archangels,  
intercede for us sinners.

**Choir:** All you Heavenly Host... *(and repeat each until the end)*

**Priest:** Holy John, Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, intercede for us sinners. *(Repeated by the choir)*

Holy glorious Apostles, Prophets, and Martyrs, and all the Saints,  
intercede for us sinners. *(Repeated)*

Our holy and God-bearing fathers, pastors, and ecumenical  
teachers, intercede for us sinners. *(Repeated)*

Invincible, incomprehensible, and divine power of the precious  
and life-giving Cross, forsake not us sinners. *(Repeated)*

O God, cleanse us sinners. *(Repeated)*

O God, cleanse us sinners, and have mercy on us. *(Repeated)*

**Reader:** Holy God, holy Mighty, holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

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forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

**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 ever and unto ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen.

### Troparia in tone 2

Enlighten my eyes, O Christ God,  
lest at any time I sleep unto death,//  
lest at any time my enemy say: I have prevailed against him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Be my soul's helper, O God,  
for I pass through the midst of many snares;  
deliver me out of them, and save me, O Good One,//  
for You are the Lover of Mankind.

Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.  
Seeing that we have no boldness on account of our many sins,  
beseech Him Who was born of you, O Virgin Theotokos,  
for the supplication of a mother avails much to win the Master's favor.  
Disdain not the prayers of us sinners, O all-pure one,//  
for merciful and mighty to save is He Who deigned also to suffer for our sake.

**Reader:** Lord have mercy (40x) Glory... Now and ever...

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim: you who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, true Theotokos, we magnify you.

In the name of the Lord, father, bless.

**Priest:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

**Reader:** Amen. O Lord, Lord, Who have delivered us from every arrow that flies by day, deliver us from everything that walks in darkness. Receive as an evening sacrifice the lifting up of our hands. Vouchsafe to us also to pass through the course of the night without blemish, untempted by evil. And deliver us from every anxiety and fear that comes to us from the devil. Grant our souls compunction, and our thoughts solicitude concerning the trial at Your dread and righteous judgment. Nail our flesh with the fear of You, and mortify our earthly members, that in quietness of sleep we may be enlightened by the vision of Your judgments. Take from us every unseemly dream and pernicious carnal desire. Raise us up at the hour of prayer, fortified in faith and advancing in Your commandments; through the benevolence and goodness of Your Only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your most-holy and good and life creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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### **Psalms 50 & 101**

**Priest:** **The Prayer of Manasseh**

O Lord Almighty, God of our fathers, of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and of their righteous posterity: You who made heaven and earth with all their order, who shackled the sea by Your word of command, who confined the deep and sealed it with Your terrible and glorious Name, at whom all things shudder and tremble before Your power, for Your glorious splendor cannot be borne, and the wrath of Your threat to sinners cannot be withstood; yet immeasurable and unsearchable is Your promised mercy, for You are the Lord Most High of great compassion, long-suffering, and very merciful, and You turn away from the evils of men. You, O Lord, according to Your great goodness, have promised repentance and forgiveness to those who have

sinned against You, and in the multitude of Your mercies You have appointed repentance for sinners, that they may be saved. Therefore You, O Lord, God of the righteous, have not appointed repentance for the righteous, for Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob, who did not sin against You, but You have appointed repentance for me, who am a sinner. For the sins I have committed are more in number than the sand of the sea; my transgressions are multiplied, O Lord, they are multiplied! I am unworthy to look up and see the height of heaven because of the multitude of my iniquities. I am weighted down with many an iron fetter, so that I am rejected because of my sins, and I have no relief. For I have provoked Your wrath and have done what is evil in Your sight, ignoring Your will and disobeying Your commandments.

*All kneel for the remainder of the prayer.*

And now I bend the knee of my heart, imploring You for Your kindness. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I know my transgressions! Do not be angry with me forever or lay up evil for me; do not condemn me to the depths of the earth. For You, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, and in me You will manifest Your goodness. For, unworthy as I am, You will save me in Your great mercy, and I will praise You continually all the days of my life. For all the host of heaven sings Your praise, and Yours is the glory unto ages of ages. Amen. (*All stand*)

**Reader:** Holy God, holy Mighty, holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

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**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 ever and unto ages of ages.

**Reader:** Amen.

### **PENITENTIAL STICHERA in tone 6**

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us,  
for, laying aside all excuse,  
we sinners offer to You, as our Master,//  
this supplication: Have mercy on us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
O Lord, have mercy on us,  
for we have put our trust in You.  
Do not be angry with us or remember our iniquities,  
but look down on us even now, since You are compassionate,  
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 on Your name.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.  
O blessed Theotokos,  
open the doors of compassion to us whose hope is in you,  
that we may not perish but be delivered from adversity//  
through you, who are the salvation of the Christian people.

**Reader:** Lord have mercy (40x) Glory... Now and ever...

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In the name of the Lord, father, bless.

**Priest:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

**Reader:** Amen. O Sovereign God, Father Almighty, O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and O Holy Spirit, one Godhead, one Power: Have mercy on me a sinner, and by the judgments known to You, save me, Your unworthy servant; for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

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## **Psalms 69 & 142**

### **The Doxology**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise You! We bless You! We worship you! We glorify You! We thank You for Your 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 take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You who take away the sins of the world, accept our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For You alone are holy; You alone are the Lord Jesus Christ, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever! Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You. Lord, I flee to You, teach me to do Your will, for You are my God. For with You is the fountain of life, and in Your light shall we see Light. Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever. Amen.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You, O Master; make me to understand Your commandments. Blessed are You, O Holy One; enlighten me with Your precepts.

Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever. 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 ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Reader:** 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.

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**Reader:** Amen.

O Holy Apostles, beseech the Merciful God that remission of transgressions be granted to our souls.

In truth you were revealed to Your flock as a rule of faith, an image of meekness and a teacher of abstinence. Therefore, you have reached the heights of humility and acquired riches through poverty. O Hierarch, Father Nicholas, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

O God of our Fathers, ever dealing with us according to Your meekness: Do not take away Your mercy from us, but by their prayers direct our lives in peace.

As with fine purple linen, Your Church has been adorned with the blood of Your Martyrs throughout the world, O Christ our God. Therefore, she cries out to You: Send down Your mercies to Your people, give peace to Your habitation, and to our souls great mercy.

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

With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Your servants, where sickness and sorrow are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Through the prayers of all the saints and the Theotokos, grant us Your peace, O Lord, and have mercy on us, for You alone are compassionate.

Lord have mercy. (40x)

## Prayer of the Hours

You Who at every season and every hour, in heaven and on earth, are worshipped and glorified, O Christ our God, long-suffering, merciful, and compassionate, Who love the just and show mercy on the sinner, Who call all to salvation through the promise of blessings to come: O Lord, in this hour receive our supplications and direct our lives according to Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, hallow our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our minds; deliver us from all tribulations, evil, and distress. Surround us with Your holy angels, that guided and guarded by their host, we may attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory, for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

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**Reader:** Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM

**People:** O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust for power, and idle talk. (*prostration*)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Your servant. (*prostration*)

Yes, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed are You unto the ages of ages. Amen. (*prostration*)

*All make 12 bows, saying quietly with each: "O God, cleanse me a sinner."  
Then the Prayer is repeated with one prostration at the end.*

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**Reader:** Amen. Lord have mercy. (12x)

**Priest:** **A Prayer to our all-holy Lady Theotokos**

O lady, bride of God, spotless, undefiled, incorruptible, most chaste and pure Virgin, who by your wondrous conceiving united God the Word to humanity and joined the fallen nature of our race to heavenly things, the only hope of the hopeless, and the support of those who fight; the ready help of those who flee to you, and the refuge of all Christians; do not spurn us sinners, though we have rendered ourselves altogether useless by shameful thoughts, words, and deeds, and through sloth have become slaves to the pleasures of life; but as the mother of the merciful God, mercifully have compassion on us sinners and prodigals, and receive our prayer, though it is offered by unhallowed lips; and using your boldness as a mother, entreat your Son and our Lord and Master that He may extend to us His goodness

and mercy, so as to overlook our numberless transgressions, and turn us to repentance, and show us forth as zealous doers of His commandments.

Be ever near us as merciful, compassionate, and gentle, and in this present life an ardent help and protector, defending us from the assaults of adversaries and leading us to salvation. At the time of death, care for our miserable souls and drive far from us the dark visions of evil spirits; and in the dread day of judgment, deliver us from eternal punishment, and present us as inheritors of the ineffable glory of your Son and our God. May this be our lot, O Lady, All-Holy Mother of God, through your mediation and help, by the grace and mercy of your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ; to whom belong all glory, honor and worship, with His all-holy, righteous, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ**

And grant to us, Master, as we depart for sleep, rest of body and soul, and preserve us from the gloomy slumber of sin, and from every dark nocturnal pleasure. Arrest the drives of passion; extinguish the burning arrows of the evil one, which insidiously fly in our direction; suppress the rebellions of our flesh and calm our every earthly and material thought. And grant us, O God, an alert mind, prudent thinking, a sober heart, light sleep free of any satanic fantasy. Awaken us at the time of prayer rooted in Your commandments and having unbroken within us the remembrance of Your ordinances. Grant that we may sing Your glory through the night by praising and blessing and glorifying Your most honorable 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, bring our prayer before your Son and our God, and entreat Him, through you, to save our souls.

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

**Reader:** Glory... now and ever... Lord have mercy (3x). Father, bless.

*All kneel*

**Priest:** O Master, great in mercy, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; by the might of the precious and life-giving cross; by the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostles; of the holy, glorious, and right-victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all Your Saints: make our prayer acceptable, grant us forgiveness of our trespasses, shelter us under the shelter of Your wings, drive away from us every enemy and adversary, give peace to our life, O Lord, have mercy upon us and on Your world, and save our souls, for You are good and love mankind.

Bless and forgive me a sinner, brothers and sisters, all of my sins this day in deed, word, and thought, and by all my senses.

**People:** May God forgive and have mercy on you. Bless me, father, and forgive all of my sins this day in deed, word, and thought, and by all my senses, and pray for me, a sinner.

**Priest:** Through His grace, may God forgive and have mercy on us all.

Let us pray for our Metropolitan \_\_\_\_\_, for our Bishop \_\_\_\_\_, and for all our brethren in Christ.

**Choir:** Lord have mercy. (*after each*)

**Priest:** For this country, its President, all civil authorities, and the armed forces.

For those who hate us and those who love us.

For those who are kind to us and serve us.

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

For the deliverance of captives.

For our brothers and sisters who are absent.

For travelers by land, sea, and air.

For those lying in sickness.

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

And for every Christian soul.

Let us bless God-fearing rulers, Orthodox bishops, the founders of our holy Church, our parents and teachers, and all of our fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters gone before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

Let us say also for ourselves:

**Choir:** Lord have mercy. (3x)

**Priest:** Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

**Choir:** Amen!