

## **The Ninth Hour**

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

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.

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

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. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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All: 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.

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Lord, have mercy (*12 times*).

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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!

### **Psalm 83**

How lovely are Your dwellings, O Lord of hosts; my soul longs and faints for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God. For the sparrow has found itself a house, and the dove a nest for herself, where she may place her young. Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, they will praise You forever and ever. Blessed is the man whose help is from You; he has placed ascents in his heart, to the valley of weeping, to the place he has set. For the Lawgiver will give blessings; they will go from strength to strength, the God of gods will appear in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. O God our shield, see and look on the face of Your anointed One. For one day in Your courts is far better than thousands elsewhere. I have chosen to be cast aside in the house of my God, rather than to dwell in the tents of sinners. O Lord God of hosts, blessed the man who hopes in You.

### **Psalm 84**

You have been well pleased with Your land, O Lord, You have turned away the captivity of Jacob. You have forgiven Your people their iniquities, You have covered all their sins. You have made all Your anger cease, You have turned away from

the anger of Your rage. Turn us back again, O God of our salvation, and turn away Your rage from us. Will You be angry with us forever? Or will You prolong Your wrath from generation to generation? O God, when You have turned us back You will make us live, and Your people will rejoice in You. O Lord, show us Your mercy, and grant us Your salvation. I shall hear what the Lord will say in me; for He will speak peace to His people, to His holy ones, to those who turn their hearts back to Him. But His salvation is near those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met, justice and peace have kissed. Truth has dawned from the earth, and righteousness has leaned down from heaven. For the Lord will give goodness, and our earth will give its fruit. Justice will walk before Him, and set His steps in the way.

### **Psalm 85**

Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and needy. Guard my soul, for I am holy; O my God, save Your servant who hopes in You. Have mercy on me, Lord, for I shall cry to You all the day; give joy to the soul of Your servant, for I have lifted up my soul to You. For You, Lord, are good and gentle, and full of mercy to all who call on You. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplication. In the day of my trouble I called to You, for You have heard me. There is none like You among the gods, O Lord; none whose works are as Yours. All the nations whom You made will come and worship before You, O Lord, and call upon Your name. For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God. Guide me, Lord, in Your way, and I shall walk in Your truth; make my heart glad to fear Your name. I shall give You thanks, O Lord, my God, with my whole heart; and I shall glorify Your name forever. For Your mercy is great towards me, and You have delivered my soul

from the lowest pit. O God, the lawless rose up against me, and an assembly of mighty ones sought my soul, and did not set You before them. And You, Lord, are pitying and merciful, long-suffering and full of mercy and true. Look on me and have mercy on me; give Your might to Your servant and save the son of Your maidservant. Make for me a sign for good, and let those who hate me see it and be ashamed; for You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

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 You, O Lord. (x3)

Lord, have mercy (x3).

### **Troparion**

*Troparion of the day*

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

*\*If there is a second Troparion it is inserted here.*

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

### **Theotokion**

Reader: O Good One, You were born of a Virgin for our sakes and endured crucifixion; You despoiled death by death and as God revealed resurrection, do not despise those whom You fashioned with Your own hand; show Your love for mankind, O Merciful One; accept the Mother of God who bore You, as she intercedes for us, and save your despairing people, O Saviour.

For Your holy name's sake do not finally reject us, do not annul Your covenant, do not take Your mercy from us for the sake of Abraham, Your beloved, and for the sake of Isaac, Your servant, and Israel, Your holy one.

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Lord, have mercy (*x40*).

You Who at every season and every hour, in heaven and on earth are worshipped and glorified; O Christ our God, Who are long-suffering, merciful and compassionate; Who love the just and show mercy upon 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. Compass us about with Your holy Angels, that guided and guarded by them, 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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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honourable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim; without defilement you gave birth to God the Word; true Theotokos, we magnify you.

By the intercessions of Your Saints, O Lord, bless.

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### **Prayer of Saint Basil the Great**

O Master, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, Who have long endured our transgressions, and brought us to this hour in which hanging on the life-giving tree You showed the good Thief the way into Paradise and destroyed death by death, have mercy also on us

sinner and Your unworthy servant. For we have sinned and transgressed and are not worthy to raise our eyes and look on the height of heaven; because we have abandoned the way of Your justice and walked in the will of our hearts. But we implore Your unbounded goodness: spare us, O Lord, according to the multitude of Your mercy, and save us for Your holy name's sake, for our days have been wasted in vanity. Rescue us from the hand of our opponent, forgive us our sins, slay our carnal will, that we, having put off the old man, may put on the new, and live for You, our Master and benefactor; and that thus following Your precepts we may reach eternal rest, where those who rejoice have their dwelling. For You are the true joy and gladness of those who love You, Christ our God, and to You we give glory, together with Your Father Who has no beginning, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.