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A PRAYER FOR REPENTANCE

O Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, treasure of mercy and source of salvation, I come to You confessing my sins. I confess that I insolently dared to defile Your holy sanctuary with my sins. Now I seek Your mercy and lovingkindness, for Your mercies are countless and You never turn back a sinner who comes to You. I confess that my mind is burdened with sin and I have no strength left. Do not turn away from me in Your anger nor punish me in Your wrath. I am worn out, have compassion upon me, O Lord, and judge me not in Your justice, but according to Your mercy. Remember Your creation, O God, do not put me on trial for none of Your servants can justify his deeds. Dress me in a new attire that befits Your glory. Forgive my sins and I shall sing saying: "Blessed is he whose sins are forgiven." When I confess my sins, and reveal my iniquities, You cleanse me. **Amen.**

A PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

O holy Father, who longs to the sinners' return, who promised to accept those who repent, look at a soul that was long lost in the valleys of disobedience. I have long tasted the bitterness of misery, being away from the source of salvation. Now I come back to You to be purified, accept me and do not reject me, for when You look at me with mercy and compassion, I will be cleansed and saved but if You turn away from me I will perish. Grant me, O Lord, Your blessings to strengthen my will to come closer to You in faith and hope, to confess my sins and detest returning to them. Let Your Holy Spirit remind me not to stray. Enlighten my heart, O God, so that I can see the graveness of my sins and negligence, and have the will to obey Your commandments and live for the glory of Your holy name. **Amen.**

A PRAYER AFTER CONFESSION

O Father, I am grateful for Your goodness, and love of mankind. You did not wish that I perish, but awakened me from my sleep and guided me to Your way. You saved me from the valley of death to the protection of Your strong fortress. Fill me with hope and faith, I come to You like the sick wishing to be healed, like the hungry seeking to be filled, like the poor to the source of riches and the sinner to the redeemer, and like the dying to the origin of life. You are my salvation, my health my life and my strength, with You I find consolation, happiness and comfort. Help me, protect me and surround me with Your goodness, teach me to put my will in Your hands and live according to Your will. Remove my weakness so that I may be firm and honest to You to the end. **Amen.**

A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O Lord, I am not worthy to have You under my roof for I am a sinner, but only say the word and my soul will be healed. Tell me "Your sins are forgiven." I am barren and empty of any goodness and I have nothing but Your compassion, Your mercy and Your love of mankind. You have descended from the glory of heaven to our humility and accepted to be born in a manger. O holy Savior, do not reject my humble and miserable soul which is awaiting for Your glorified coming. As You did not disdain to enter the leper's house to heal him, please Lord, come into my soul to cleanse it. As You did not forbid the sinful woman from kissing Your feet, please do not deprive me from coming near You to partake of Your holy body, and Your sacred blood. May this Holy Communion banish my impurities and mortify all my evil desires. Help me, O Lord, to obey Your life-giving commandments for the purification of my soul and body from every sin, and for the acceptance of Your gifts and blessings. Let Your Spirit abide in me and unit me with you so that I may live for the glory of Your name. **Amen.**

A PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

My heart is filled with joy and my tongue with rejoicing. My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. I have come to You, O Lord, so that You clothe me with purity that I may be worthy of Your joy. Let my union with You today be everlasting for it makes me grow in virtue and strengthens my faith and my hope. Let this communion be a symbol of my salvation, a robe of blessing for my new birth, and for the purity of love. Let it be an everlasting joy for my soul and an answer to my prayers before Your dreadful altar. Here I submit to Your mercy, that I may unite with You, and that You may lead me according to Your will. Guide my thoughts, my senses, and my desires, O Lord, bless them so that they may be at Your command. Revive my soul and alert my conscience. Disperse all images of the enemy and order the storms to calm. Be with me and quiet all my fears. Quench my thirst and kindle the fire of Your love in my heart. Complement all my deficiencies and abide with me till the end, for You alone are my goal and my pleasure, You alone, O Lord, now and ever. **Amen.**

ANOTHER PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

My tongue praises and my soul glorifies the Lord. My heart rejoices for You have come to me, Lord, dressed me in purity and allowed me to your feast. May my union with You today be everlasting, through it I grow in strength of faith and hope. Let my communion be a symbol of the grace of Your salvation, let it be a purification to my body and my soul and preparation for the everlasting love and joy. To You Lord, I surrender myself and my will, call to You my senses and bless them and let my mind to be according to Your will. Enlighten my heart, awaken my conscience, cast away all shadows of evil, hush the storms, walk with me and guide me. Give me comfort, quench my thirst, look with love at all my shortcomings, abide with me for the day is coming to an end, and stay with me for a new day. You alone are my aim and happiness, now and forever. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE

BEFORE MAKING A DECISION

Lord, You know that I do not know what is good for me, and now that I am about to start, how can I know if it is right unless You guide me with your grace, O Lord, I beseech Your guidance in this matter, do not let me follow my tendencies, lest I will be confused and fall, keep me from slipping, help me, let it be according to Your will. If You see it fit, grant me Your blessing to complete it, if not, remove this desire from my heart. You know all things, nothing is concealed from You. Lord, I am Your servant, deal with me as You see fit as I realize that I will have neither success nor peace unless I submit myself to the grace of Your will, teach me to say in every occasion, "Father, not what I want, but what You will." For Yours is the Kingdom, the Power and Glory forevermore. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION BEFORE THE HOLY COMMUNION

1. A Prayer of St. Basil the Great

O Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, our God, Fountain of immortality, Creator of all things visible and invisible, Consubstantial and Co-eternal Son of the eternal Father, who in Your exceeding great love became incarnate in the latter days, and was crucified for us ungrateful and wicked children, and by Your own Blood renewed our nature corrupted by sin, O Immortal King, do receive me, a repentant sinner, incline Your ear toward me and hear my prayer. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned against heaven and before You and am not worthy to lift up my eyes to the majesty of Your glory, for I have affronted Your goodness, and broken Your commandments, and disobeyed Your laws. But You, O Lord, most loving, long suffering, and merciful, have not given me over to perish in my sins, but do ever await my return. For, O You Who loves mankind, You have said by Your Prophet, You have no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but would rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live. You do not desire, O Master, to destroy the works of Your hands, nor that they should perish, but that all men should come to the knowledge of the Truth. Wherefore I, although unworthy both of heaven and of earth and of this temporary life, even I, a wretched sinner who had given myself over to every evil desire, do not despair of salvation, though I have been wholly subject to sin, a slave to passion, and have defiled Your image within me, I who am Your creation and Your work; but trusting in Your infinite compassion I draw near unto You. Receive me O Lord, You Who love mankind, as You did receive the sinful woman, the thief, the tax collector and the prodigal son. Take away the heavy burden of my sins, You Who take away the sins of the world, and heal the infirmities of men, and call all that are weary and heavy laden to Yourself and give them rest, You Who did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance, cleanse me from all stain of body and soul and teach me to fulfill holiness in Your fear, that with the witness of my conscience pure, I may receive a portion of Your Father and Holy Spirit dwelling and abiding in me. And grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, my God, that the partaking of Your precious and Life-giving Mysteries may not be to my condemnation, nor may not through the weakness of my

soul and body be received unworthily; but grant that even to my last breath, I may partake of a portion of Your Holy gifts without condemnation, unto the communion of Your Holy Spirit, as a preparation for eternal life and for a good defense at Your dreaded Judgement Seat, so that I, together with all Your elect, may also receive those incorruptible good things which You have prepared for them that love You, O Lord, in whom You are glorified forever. Amen.

2. A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

O Lord my God, I know that I am not worthy nor sufficient that You should enter under my roof into the habitation of my soul, for it is all deserted and in ruins, and there is not a fitting place in me for You to lay Your head. But as from the heights of Your glory You humbled Yourself, so now bear me in my humility, as You deigned to lie in a manger in a cave, so deign now also to come into the manger of my mute soul and corrupt body. As You did not refrain from entering the house of Simon the leper, nor shrink from eating there with sinners so also vouchsafe to enter the house of my poor soul, all leprous and full of sin. You did not reject the sinful woman who ventured to draw near to touch You, so also have pity on me, a sinner, approaching to touch You. And grant that I may partake of Your All-Holy Body and Precious Blood for sanctification, enlightenment, and strengthening of my weak soul and body, for my preservation against all the snares of the devil, for victory over all my sinful habits, for the mortification of my passions, for obedience of Your Commandments, for growth in Your divine grace and inheritance of Your Kingdom. For it is not with a careless heart that I approach You. O Christ my God, but I come trusting in Your infinite goodness, and fearing lest I may be drawn afar from You and become the prey of the wolf of souls. Wherefore, I pray You, O Master, Who alone are Holy, that You would sanctify my soul and body, my mind and heart and reins, and renew me entirely. Implant in my organs the fear of You, be my Helper and my Guide, directing my life in the paths of peace, and make me worthy to stand at Your right Hand with Your saints; through the prayers and intercessions of Your Immaculate Mother, of the Bodiless Servitors, of the immaculate Powers, and of all the saints who from all ages have been well-pleasing to You. Amen.

3. A Prayer of St. John Damascene

I stand before the gates of Your temple, and yet I do not refrain from my evil thoughts. But O Christ my God, who did justify the tax collector, and had mercy on the Canaanite woman, and opened the gates of Paradise to the thief; open to me the compassion of Your love toward mankind, and receive me as I approach to touch You, like the sinful woman and the woman with the issue of blood; for the one, by embracing Your feet received the forgiveness of her sins, and the other by but touching the hem of Your garment was healed. And I, most sinful, dare to partake of Your Holy Body. Let me not be consumed, but receive me as You did receive them, and enlighten the perceptions of my soul, consuming the accusations of my sins; through the intercessions of her that, without stain, gave birth to You and of the heavenly Powers; for You are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AFTER THE HOLY COMMUNION

1. A Prayer of St. Basil the Great

O Lord, Christ our God, King of the Ages, and Creator of all, I thank You for all the good things which You have bestowed upon me, and for this communion of immaculate and life giving Mysteries. Therefore I entreat You O Good one who loves mankind, keep me in Your tabernacle and under the shadow of Your wings, and grant that, with a pure conscience, even until my last breath, I may worthily partake of Your Holy things, for the remission of my sins and for life eternal. For You are the Bread of Life, the fountain of all Holiness, the Giver of good things; and to You we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

2.A Prayer of St. Simeon Metaphrastes

O who of Your own good will, gives me Your Body as my food; You who are a Fire consuming the unworthy, consume me not, O my creator; but rather enter into my organs, into my whole being, all my joints, my reins and my heart. Consume the thorns of all my iniquities. Cleanse my soul. Sanctify my mind. Make firm my knees and likewise my bones. Enlighten my five senses. Establish me wholly in Your fear. Overshadow me, guard me and keep me from every word and deed which mars the soul. Purify me and wash me clean, bring me into concord. Adorn me, give me understanding and enlighten me. Make me the abode of Your Spirit only, and in no ways the abode of sin. That being made Your tabernacle through the reception of the Holy Communion, all evil and all passion may flee away from me as from fire. I call as my intercessors all the saints, the Chieftains of the Bodiless Powers, Your fore-runner, the wise apostles, and joined with them Your pure and immaculate mother; whose prayers You do accept, in Your tender loving kindness, O my Christ, and make me Your servant to be a child of Light. For You alone are the sanctification and illumination of our souls, O Good one, and unto You as God and Master, we ascribe each day the due glory. Amen.