



*“Open the eyes of my mind
that I may unceasingly
contemplate Your beauty”*

The Prayer of the 11th hour

The image features a soft-focus background of a field of grain, likely wheat or barley, during a golden sunset. The sun is positioned low on the horizon, creating a warm, yellowish-orange glow that permeates the scene. The grain stalks are silhouetted against the bright light, with some showing a golden sheen. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

I place my soul

I place my soul into your hands

My Lord Jesus Christ

Lead me 'cause I depend on you

Lead me and I'll serve you

Please be my guide in every way

Be my guard I won't go astray

Sanctify my heart and my needs

Until I see you Lord

As you have always said

O source of all goodness

"Come unto me all you weary

Come unto me and you will find rest

Come onto me I am the way

I am the truth and life"

I place my soul

When my life gets filled with worries

And darkness overwhelms

The clouds will be dispersed away

By you, O prince of peace

You are my shield you are my hope

You are my strengths you are my goal

You are the perfect love, O Lord

Of whom then shall I fear!

As you have always said

O source of all goodness

"Come unto me all you weary

Come unto me and you will find rest

Come onto me I am the way

I am the truth and life"

I place my soul

You are my shepherd I'll not want

Lead me to still waters

Restore my soul I'm calling you

Lead me to righteousness

Though I walk through the Death Valley

With you, I will fear no evil

You are my comfort staff and rod

All the days of my life

As you have always said

O source of all goodness

"Come unto me all you weary

Come unto me and you will find rest

Come onto me I am the way

I am the truth and life"

I place my soul

Come Take your cross and follow me

Fear not I am with thee

Cheer up I've overcome the world

Your tears I'll wipe away

I showed you my love on the cross

And if you're faithful unto death

I will give you eternal life

Come now and follow me

As you have always said

O source of all goodness

"Come unto me all you weary

Come unto me and you will find rest

Come onto me I am the way

I am the truth and life"

Prayer by King Solomon (Wisdom 9)

“God of my fathers and Lord of mercy, who has made all things with Your word, and by Your wisdom has established man to have dominion over the creatures which have been made by You, so that he would order the world in equity and justice, and execute judgment with an upright heart, give me wisdom, the handmaiden at Your throne, and be unwilling to reject me from among Your children, because I am your servant, and the son of Your handmaid, a weak man, and short-lived, with limited understanding of judgment and laws. And if someone were perfect among the sons of men, yet if your wisdom was taken away from him, he would be counted as nothing. You have chosen me to be a king of Your people, and a judge of Your sons and daughters. And You called me to construct a temple on Your holy mount, and, in the city of Your dwelling, an altar in the likeness of Your holy tabernacle, which You have prepared from the beginning.

Prayer by King Solomon (Wisdom 9)

And with You is wisdom, who is familiar with Your works, and who was nearby when You made the world, and who knows what is pleasing to Your eyes, and who is guided by Your teachings. Send her out of Your holy heavens and from the throne of Your majesty, so that she is with me and labors with me, and I will know what is acceptable with You. For she knows and understands all things, and will lead me soberly in my works, and will guard me by her power. And my works will be acceptable, and I will govern your people justly, and I will be worthy of the throne of my father. For who among men can know the counsel of God? Or who can imagine the will of God? For the thoughts of mortals are timid, and our foresight is uncertain. For the corruptible body weighs down the soul, and this earthy dwelling presses many thoughts upon the mind. And we assess with difficulty the things that are of earth, and we discover with labor the things that are within our view.

Prayer by King Solomon (Wisdom 9)

So who will search out the things that are in heaven? Moreover, who will know your mind, unless you give wisdom and send your Holy Spirit from on high? And in this way, those who are on earth are corrected in their path, and men learn the things that are pleasing to You. For by wisdom they are saved, who have pleased You, O Lord, from the beginning. Amen.”

Psalm for the Feast of the Ascension

Sing with joy, with doxologies, to Jesus Christ, who is of authority. Everyone praises, the Incomprehensible, and the Invisible, our Savior Jesus.

+ For truly indeed, like in that day, the King of glory, ascended into the heavens.

+ For David has said, with the voice of the trumpet, “Sing unto Christ, with all praises”

Because of the mysteries, which the King, of the ages has done, He spoke to them.

The Only-Begotten God, said many things, to His Apostles, after the Resurrection.

+ Behold “Do you have, anything to eat,” they gave to Him, and He took and ate.

Psalm for the Feast of the Ascension

+ They gathered and gave Him, broiled fish, and honeycomb, and He took and ate.

Jesus in His authority, blessed His Apostles, and was taken by a cloud, and ascended into the heavens.

Jesus the true Lord, the King of heaven, the true Light, ascended to heaven.

+ Luke has said, in the gospel, as Matthew has said, likewise Mark also.

+ “No one has ascended, up into heaven, except the One who came, down from heaven.”

“That is the Son of Man, who dwells in heaven, Jesus the Governor,” John has witnessed.

Psalm for the Feast of the Ascension

Blessed are You indeed, O Christ our Master, upon the throne, of Your
glory.

**+ And He has taught, His Apostles, until the day, wherein He ordered
them.**

**+ Christ our King, after His Resurrection, appeared unto them, and
He ate with them.**

Rejoice O believers, in the feast of the Only-Begotten, who created
heaven, and all its hosts.

Praise the Lover of Mankind, the King of the ages, who created man,
in His likeness.

**+ We pray to You, with an upright heart, and ascribe unto You,
spiritual praise.**

Psalm for the Feast of the Ascension

**+ O Son of God, guard us from inflation, and death and earthquakes,
and from persecutions.**

This is the day, which the Lord has made, let us rejoice, and be glad in
it.

Hail to the Resurrection, O Jerusalem and Zion, and the mountain of
the Ascension, and the mountain of Calvary.

**+ O Savior of the world, at Your Coming, save Your people, and bless
Your inheritance.**

**+ O our Lord Jesus Christ, have compassion upon Your people, guard
them in truth, in the Paradise**

Prayer by St Ephrem the Syrian

O good Lover of man, Who accepted the two mites and praised the good will of the widow, accept the prayers of Your servant; multiply my prayer and grant my requests, that I might become a temple for Your grace. May it abide in me and itself teach me how to please it. May it strum my heartstrings and play songs of contrition filled with gladness. May it fasten my mind as with a bridle, that I might not sin before You by going astray, and might not be cast out of the light. Hearken, O Lord, hearken unto my prayer, and grant that I who am unclean might become pure, that I who am senseless might become wise, that I who am useless might become profitable in the flock of Your chosen laborers and of all the saints who have been pleasing to You and that I might be admitted to Your kingdom. The glad in paradise intercede for me and cry out to You, O only Lover of mankind. Attend to their prayers.

Prayer by St Ephrem the Syrian

Through them will I give You glory in return, for You have hearkened unto their prayers and hast been generous to me and not disregarded my prayers.

You, O Lord, have said by Your Prophet: “open your lips, and I will fill them.” Behold, both the heart and the lips of Your servant are opened; fill them with Your grace, that I may bless You unceasingly, O Christ my God and Savior.

My prayer is powerless, but my iniquities are great and might. Sins overwhelm me and my weaknesses dismay me; You are wealthy and good, kindhearted and merciful.

You Who did open the eyes of the blind man, open the eyes of my mind that I may unceasingly contemplate Your beauty.

You Who did establish bounds for the sea by Your command, establish bounds for my heart by Your grace, that it might not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from Your beauty.

Prayer by St Ephrem the Syrian

You Who gave water in the desert to the people who did not humble themselves and contradicted You, give me contrition and grant tears to my eyes, that I might weep day and night throughout the length of my life with meekness, with love and with a pure heart.

Hearken, O Lord, unto the prayer of Your servant, according to the intercessions of all Your saints, You Who are blessed above all unto the ages. Amen