"For by wisdom they are saved, who have pleased You, O Lord, from the beginning."

## The Prayer of the 9th hour

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"

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"

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"

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."

I cried to You O Lord, do not forget me, be to me a guard, and hearken to me. Send me Your help, from the highest, lift away my afflictions, and my iniquities. + For with joy, I will declare the words, concerning my masters, and fathers the Apostles. + David the beautiful, with the Spirit in him, said "Their voices went out, to all the earth." These are the foundations, of the Orthodoxy, who established the faith, in the Church. Therefore truly, they are our guides, to the salvation, and these are their names: + Behold Peter and Andrew, John and James, Philip and Matthew, and Bartholomew.

+ Thomas and James, and Simon the zealot, and the wise Thaddeus, and Matthias completed them. Behold these twelve, are precious pearls, and the seventy two, chosen Disciples. To every land, city and village, they went and continually, performed miracles. + And also truly, they restored the world, to the knowledge of the truth, because of the many wonders. + For Moses has brought, out from a rock, twelve fountains, flowing and gushing. There was in Elim, twelve fountains, and many herbs, and seventy palm trees. The prophet has said, "An olive tree, has blossomed and budded, into twelve branches."

+ Truly indeed, these are parables, of the Apostles, who passed on the commandments. + These twelve were chosen, by our Savior, He sent them everywhere, like the stars. The names of, the twelve tribes, and the twelve gates, of that city. Look and learn now, that in a day, there are twelve hours, pass by every day. + And also the months, twelve in a year, and also our daily works, twelve in their count. + Behold all these symbols, direct us to, the Apostles, who preached to us.

O God the Refuge, through their prayers, repose all the souls, of those who departed. Forgive us our sins, and our iniquities, through Your love for man, and through their intercessions. + The rest of Your people, guard them O Lord, those which are Your vessels, O God the Guardian. + O who was, with His Apostles, forgive us our sins, we Your people.

## 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

# Silent personal prayers