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GENERAL INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*Which may be used to replace the
Augmented Litany at services with no
presbyter, and at other times.*

(One may make a prostration after each paragraph)

Remember, O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, Your eternal mercies, and
Compassion, for whose sake You became Man, and willingly endured
crucifixion, and death for the salvation of those who rightly believe in You. You
rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven, and sit at the right hand of God
the Father, looking down on the humble petitions of those who call upon You
with their whole heart. Bow down Your ear, and hear the prayer which I, Your
useless servant, offer You for all Your people as a spiritual fragrance. First of
all, remember Your Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church which You obtained
through Your precious Blood. Establish, strengthen, broaden, and multiply
her. Give her peace, and keep her eternally unassailable by the gates of Hadēs.
Calm the quarrels of the churches, put out the arrogance of the pagans, and
swiftly destroy, and uproot the rebellions of heresies, turning them into nothing
through the power of the Your Holy Spirit.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on the Holy Orthodox Patriarchs ; on our
Metropolitan n, Archbishop of n, and Metropolitan of all America, and
Canada ; on our (Arch)Bishop n, (Arch)Bishop of n, and n ; on priests,
deacons, and all the clergy, whom You have called, and installed, to tend Your
reason-endowed flock. Through their prayers, save me also, the sinner, and
have mercy on me.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on the *King/Queen*, on the Governor General,
on the Prime Ministers, and Premiers of our country ; on all civil
authorities, and on all the public service. Surround them with peace, and
speak peace and goodness into their hearts for your Holy Church, and all Your
people. In their calm, may we live a calm, and peaceful life in the True Faith,
and in all piety and purity.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on our *father* (*Superior, pastor, n*), with all
our *brethren* in Christ, and through their prayers, have mercy on me, who
am wretched.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on my spiritual *father* n, and forgive my
Transgressions through *his* holy prayers.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on all our *brethren* that serve this holy Church
(*Monastery,*) : *the parish council, the choir, the teachers, the custodians,*
the cleaners, and all who work for our parish, and on all Christians.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on –as applicable– my parents (*if living*) n,
my wife/husband n, my children n, my brothers n, my

sisters n ; on n/nn , and all my relatives according to the flesh ; on those who are close to my family, and on my friends. Grant them Your worldly, and heavenly good things.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on our fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters, who live with patient faith in monasteries of the Holy Mountain, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Greece, Cyprus, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, Europe, North America, South America, Australia, or any other place. Through their prayers, have mercy on me, the sinner.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy, in accordance with the multitude of Your Compassion, on all priest-monks, deacon-monks, monks, and nuns ; and on all that in virginity, reverence, and fasting life in monasteries, in deserts, and caves, on mountains, and pillars, in hermitages, and cleft rocks, on islands in the sea, and who live in the True Faith in every place of Your dominion, serving You piously, and praying to You in repentance. Lighten their burden, and console them in sorrow. Grant them strength, and resolution in their struggles, and grant me remission of sins, through their prayers.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on the old, and the young, the poor, the Orphans, and widows, and on those who are in sickness, and in sadness, in mishaps, and in sorrow, in war, and in captivity, in prison, and in exile – and especially those who, being Your servants, are persecuted for Your sake, and of the Orthodox Faith by pagans, apostates, heretics, and others. Remember, visit, strengthen, and comfort them. Give them early release, freedom, and rescue by Your might.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on all our fathers, mothers, brothers, and Sisters, and all Orthodox Christians, who are travelling in Your service.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on those whom I have cause to stumble, Turning them away from the path of salvation, and leading them to evil, and unseemly deeds. Return them to the path of salvation by Your divine Providence. Do not let them perish because of me, the sinner.

Save, O Lord, and have mercy on those that hate me, and offend me, and do me harm. Do not let them perish because of me, the sinner.

Enlighten, with the light of Your knowledge, those who have left the Orthodox Faith, and who have been blinded by devastating heresies; reuniting them, to Your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Remember, O Lord, all Orthodox Patriarchs, Metropolitans, Archbishops, and Bishops ; presbyters, deacons, and those who have served in holy orders ; those who have served You in monastic ranks, and the blessed founders of our holy *Church*. Grant them rest with the saints in Your eternal dwellings.

Remember, O Lord, the souls of Your departed servants, – *as appropriate* – my parents n , and n , and all my relatives according to the flesh. Forgive them all their sins, both voluntary, and involuntary. Grant them

participation in Your eternal good things, and the enjoyment of the eternal, and blessed life.

Remember, O Lord, all of our departed fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and children, the Orthodox Christians who here, and everywhere, lie asleep in the hope of the Resurrection, and eternal life. Grant them to live with Your saints under the Light of Your countenance.

Have mercy on us also, for You are good, and and love Man.

Repeat the following thrice, with prostrations :

Grant remission of sins, O Lord, to all of our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and children, who have departed before us, in faith, and the hope of the Resurrection, and make their memory to be eternal.
Amen.



**Alternatively, it may be desired to use the following form instead :*

COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, for the sake of Your eternal mercy, and loving-kindness became Man, and You suffered crucifixion, and death for the salvation of all. You rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven, and You sit at the right hand of the Father, where You hear the prayers of all who call upon You humbly, and with their whole heart. Incline Your ear to us, and hearken to the prayer, which Your unworthy servants offer, as a spiritual sacrifice for all Your people.

Remember first of all Your Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, which You have purchased with Your precious blood. Strengthen it, multiply it, keep it in peace, and do not allow the gates of Hadēs to stand against it. Heal the schisms of the churches, stop the raging of the pagans, root out, and cleanse all heresies, destroying them by the power of Your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon our *King/Queen*, Governor General, Prime Ministers, Premiers, Indigenous Leaders, and all who answer before Your Face for their responsibility in civil authority, the public service, and in the armed forces, and save them all. Give them peace, and continual victory over unrighteousness, and evil in all places. May they provide peace, so that Your Holy Church, and all Your people may live calm, and ordered lives in Your sight, in true faith, and prayer, and with godly deeds.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon the Orthodox Patriarchs, and Metropolitans, Archbishops, and Bishops, the Priests, and Deacons, *especially n*, and the whole order of the clergy of Your Church. Save them, whom You have established to feed Your flock, and by their prayers have mercy on us sinners, and save us.

Have mercy, O Lord, on our spiritual fathers, and mothers, *and especially n*, and save them ; and by their holy prayers, forgive us our transgressions.

Have mercy, O Lord, on our parents, and save them, together with our brothers, and sisters, our kinsfolk after the flesh, and our friends, *and especially n*. Grant them Your blessing both here, and in the life to come.

Have mercy, O Lord, on the old, and the young, the needy, the orphans, and widows, and all who are in sickness, and sorrow, distress, and affliction, oppression, and captivity, in prison, and confinement, *and especially n*. Save them, together with Your servants, who are under persecution for Your sake, and for the sake of the Orthodox Faith, *and especially n*. Remember them, visit them, strengthen, and comfort them, and by Your power grant them speedy relief, freedom, and rescue.

Have mercy, O Lord, on all who travel, and save them – those who are sent on duty, our fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters, *and especially _n_*, and all Orthodox Christians.

Have mercy, O Lord, on our enemies ; save all those who envy us, wish us evil, or deal unjustly with us, *and especially _n_*. May they not perish because of us sinners.

Enlighten, O Lord, with the truth of Your holy wisdom, all who have gone astray from the Orthodox Faith, led by destructive heresies, and tangential philosophies, and unite them once more to Your Holy Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED

Remember, O Lord, those who have departed this life – all Orthodox patriarchs, metropolitans, archbishops, and all who served you in the priesthood, and ministry of the Church, and in the monastic order, *and especially _n_*, and grant them rest with Your saints in Your eternal Kingdom.

Remember, O Lord, the souls of Your servants now fallen asleep, our parents, family, and friends, *and especially _n_*. Forgive them all their sins, committed knowingly or unknowingly ; grant them Your Kingdom, a portion in Your eternal blessing, and the enjoyment of Your unending life.

Remember, O Lord, all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection, and of eternal life – our fathers, and mothers, brothers, and sisters, and Orthodox Christians throughout the world, *and especially _n_*. Place them with Your saints, before the light of Your countenance, and have mercy on us, for You are good, and the Lover of Man.
Amen.

Should one wish to do so, the names of particular persons, and institutions may be added in the appropriate places, even where there are not blanks provided to prompt this insertion.

[THE END OF GENERAL INTERCESSION PRAYERS]