

Prayers Before Study

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Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)

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O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

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Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, / Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. / And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, / the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; / Light of Light, true God of true God; / begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; / Who for us men and for our salvation came down from the heavens, / and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; / And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, / and suffered and was buried; / And arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures; / And ascended into the heavens, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; / And shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; / Whose kingdom shall have no end. / And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father; / Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. / In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. / I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. / I look for the resurrection of the dead, / And the life of the age to come. Amen.

O Most Good Lord! Send down upon us the Grace of Thy Holy Spirit, granting us understanding and the strengthening of our mental powers, that attending to the teaching given us, we may grow to the glory of Thee, Our Creator, to the comfort of our parents, and the benefit of the Church and our homeland.

O Lord, grant unto me that with Thy peace I may greet all that this day is to bring. Grant unto me grace to surrender myself completely to Thy Holy Will. In every hour of this day instruct and guide me in all things. Whatever tiding I may receive during this day, do Thou teach me to accept tranquilly in the firm belief that Thy Holy Will governs all. Govern Thou my thoughts and feelings in all I do and say. When unforeseen things occur, let me not forget that all is sent by Thee. Teach me to behave sincerely and reasonably toward everyone, that I may bring confusion and sorrow to no one. Bestow on me, O Lord, strength to endure the fatigue of the day and bear my part in its events. Guide Thou my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to endure, to forgive, and to love.

Lo, thy care for thy flock in its sojourn/ hath prefigured the supplications which thou dost ever offer up for the whole world./ Thus do we believe, having come to know thy love, O holy hierarch and wonderworker John./ Wholly sanctified by God through the ministry of the all-pure Mysteries/ and thyself ever strengthened thereby,/ thou didst hasten to the suffering, O most gladsome Healer./ Hasten now also to the aid of us who honor thee with all our heart.

Priest: The reading is from the Gospel of St. _____ .

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Master, bless.

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We thank Thee, O Creator, that Thou hast vouchsafed us Thy grace to attend instruction. Bless those in Authority over us, our parents and instructors, who are leading us to an awareness of good, and grant us power and strength to continue this study.

Priest: To our Holy Hierarch and Father, John, let us pray.

Holy Hierarch, Father John, pray to God for us.

O Wondrous and Holy Hierarch John, thou who didst provide for the flock entrusted to thee in this transitory life and guide it unto the true and eternal Life of the Heavenly Kingdom: look down now upon us who are thy children and servants, newly entrusted unto thee as our heavenly intercessor and protector, and grant thine aid to us who bear thy name. In this time of adversity be thou our defender and true protector, and in thy mercy bring our every need to the ear of Christ our King and our God. Implore our Most Holy

Lady, the All-Pure Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, whom thou didst love in this life and now adore in the mansions of the just, that she provide for us every assistance that our needs require; and ask of our man-befriending God that He give to us that which is needful and beneficial for the life and the future of this school and this community, which in our humility we offer up and dedicate to thee. Beloved Hierarch and Pastor: Hear our petition! Hear the cry of our heart! And in thy rich mercy and never-failing love for thy flock, bring our prayer to the heavenly Altar of our One True God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—our Most Sacred Trinity—now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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