

A MOLIEBEN
FOR THE SALVATION OF OUR CHURCH
AND THE APPEASING IN IT OF DISCORD AND
STRIFE
Adapted for individual use

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Through the prayers of Our Holy Fathers, O Lord, Jesus Christ Our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life, come and abide in us, and cleanse us of every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lord, have mercy. (12)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Come, let us worship God, our King! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, our King and our God! Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God!

Psalm 50 (51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy steadfast love; according to Thy abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Thy sight, so that Thou art justified in Thy sentence and blameless in Thy judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Fill me with joy and gladness, let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice. Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will return to Thee.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Thy deliverance. O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. For Thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, Thou wouldst not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart Thou wilt not despise.

Do good to Zion in Thy good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, then wilt Thou delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on Thy altar.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us/
For laying aside all excuse,
we sinner offer to Thee, as to our Master, this supplication:
Have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

O Lord, have mercy on us/
for in Thee have we put our trust./
Do not be angry with us, nor remember our iniquities,
but look down on us even now, as Thou art compassionate,
and deliver us from our enemies;/
for Thou art our God, and we are Thy people,
we are all the work of Thy hands, and we call on Thy name.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Blessed Theotokos,/br/>open the doors of compassion to us whose hope is in you,/br/>that we may not perish,/br/>but be delivered from adversity through you./br/>For you are the salvation of the Christian people.

O Lord God, our Savior; With broken hearts we fall down before Thee and we confess our sins and iniquities wherewith we have provoked Thy deep compassion and have shut out Thy tender mercies. For we have departed from Thee, O Master, and have not kept Thy commandments. Thou hast become angry with us and hast allowed us to become wounded because of unrighteous deeds committed against Thy Church and because of our own unrighteousness. We are stricken with discord and strife; our love has grown cold and we approach the brink of despair. We have been tempted to heed the wisdom of this world instead of heeding Thy divine wisdom. We have witnessed unrighteous judgment, condemnation and hatred. How long, O Lord, How long must we endure this torment. Visit us with Thy mercy; send down Thy heavenly blessing upon us, heal the wounds of our souls, raise us up from our affliction. Calm the discord and turmoil in the Orthodox Church in America. Banish from us slander and conflict, bitter disputes and scandals. Burn out from our hearts every impurity, every evil, every unrighteous thought, that we may all love one another again and abide in oneness of mind in accordance with Thy will. Remember the mercies which Thou hast shown to our forebears, the righteous hierarchs, clergy and faithful gone before us, and make us worthy to restore their vision and zeal for a united Orthodox witness to this North America Continent. Inspire our hierarchs of the Holy Synod to lead and guide the Church with that same vision and zeal. Bless us with Thy peace, O Lord our God, through the prayers of the most-holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, the holy and all-laudable Apostles, the holy and right-victorious Martyrs, and all Saints of North America, especially the Evangelizers of the Midwest: St. Tikhon, St. Raphael, St. Alexis and St. John.

O Lord, we hasten unto Thee; teach us to do Thy will, for Thou art our God; for with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light. Let Thy mercy be upon all who know Thee.

For Thou art a merciful God, and unto Thee we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more

glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim: without defilement you gave birth to God the Word: true Theotokos, we magnify you.

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thy inheritance. Grant victory to the Orthodox Christian's, over their adversaries. And by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord, Jesus Christ Our God, have mercy on us. Amen.***

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