

Wednesday Compline (Soutoro) Prayers

LEADER 1: +In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one true God.

LEADER 2: Glory be to Him, and may His grace and mercy be upon us, forever. Amen.

LEADER 1: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, by whose glory the heaven and earth are filled, Hosanna in the Highest.

LEADER 2: Blessed is He who has come, and is to come, in the name of the Lord; Glory be to Him in the Highest.

TRISAGION (*Qauma*)

LEADER 1: Holy art Thou, O God!

LEADER 2 : Holy art Thou, Almighty,
Holy art Thou, Immortal,
† Crucified for us, Have mercy on us. (*Repeat Thrice*)

LEADER 1: Lord, have mercy upon us,

LEADER 2 : Lord, be kind and have mercy,
Lord, accept our office and our entreaties,
have mercy upon us.

LEADER 1: Glory be to Thee, O God!

LEADER 2 : Glory be to Thee, O Creator,
Glory be to Thee, O King,
Christ who dost pity sinners, Thy servants. Barekmor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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INTRODUCTORY PRAYER

LEADER 1: Protect us Lord beneath the wings of Your loving kindness, and turn our hard hearts to the knowledge of Your truth; grant us to know and to consider, that the evening which has called us to rest and refreshment from labor, is a figure of the end of this present life; that we may be diligent in good actions which are pleasing to Your will, and we will offer You praise and thanksgiving, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; now and always and forever.

LEADER 2: Amen.

Section 2 (Can have 2 other leaders if desired)

Qolo

(Tune: Akbilam njan aranjittu...)

LEADER 1: All things I have con-sidered - Nothing I have seen better
Blest is he who loved - the fear of the Lord
Joseph the just loved it and became king of - Egypt
Moses loved it and divided the sea with - his staff
Daniel and his friends loved it
and it saved them from the flames
More desir-able than gold, - sweeter than the honeycomb
Blest is he who loves - the fear of the Lord *Barekmor*

LEADER 2: I, Ephrem, am nearing death - and I write my testament
Pray without ceasing - all day and all night
When the ploughman ploughs two times his harvest is – fruitful
Do not be like slothful ones, whose fields sprout up – with thorns
May this be a witness to - my disciples after me:
For he who loves it receives - great reward in both the worlds
Pray without ceasing - all day and all night *Moryo...*

B'outo of St. Ephrem (Tone 7)

LEADER 1: Lord have mercy upon us
O Lord receive our - service
Send us from Your treasure-house
Mercy, grace and for-giveness

LEADER 2: By our unpleasing actions,
We have angered You - O Lord
You are full of compassion
And Your peace is not - disturbed

LEADER 1: Ocean of mercy, You are -
Our sins are a drop - of mud
And a drop of mud cannot
Make a vast ocean - muddy

LEADER 2: Glory be to Your great love
which is shed upon - sinners
Honor to Your Father and
To the Holy Spi-rit, praise

LEADER 1: Lord Who hearkens to our prayers
Unto us, be re-conciled
Hear our pray'r and petitions
Answer us in Your - mercy
Kurielaison, Kurielaison, Kurielaison

Section 3 (Can have 2 other leaders if desired)

Psalm 91 & 121

LEADER 1: Barekmor. / He sits under the protection of the Most High / and glories in the shelter of God.

LEADER 2: Barekmor. / I said to the Lord, my trust is in You, / God is my refuge in whom I trust.

LEADER 1: He shall deliver you from the snare, which makes you stumble, / and from talk of vain things.

LEADER 2: He will keep you safe under his feathers / and you shall be protected beneath his wings, / His truth shall enclose you as an armor.

LEADER 1: You shall not be afraid of the terror of the night, / nor of the arrow which flies by day.

LEADER 2: Nor of the word which walks in the darkness, / nor of the spirit that wastes at midday.

LEADER 1: Thousands shall fall at your side, / and ten thousand at your right hand; / but it shall not come near you

LEADER 2: But with your eyes alone you shall see / You shall see the reward of the wicked

LEADER 1: Because you, Lord, are my trust, / You have made your dwelling in the heights,

LEADER 2: Evil shall not come near you. / Affliction shall not come near your tent

LEADER 1: Because He has commanded his angels concerning you, / that they should keep you in all your ways

LEADER 2: And receive you in their arms, / that you may not stumble with your foot

LEADER 1: You shall tread upon the asp and the basilisk. / You shall tread upon the lion and the dragon.

LEADER 2: Because he has cried to me, / I will deliver him and strengthen him.

LEADER 1: Because he has known my name / he shall call upon me and I will answer him, / I will be with him in distress.

LEADER 2: I will strengthen him and honor him. / I will satisfy him with length of days. / I will show him my salvation

LEADER 1: I have lifted up my eyes to the hills, / From whence will come my help

LEADER 2: My help is from the Lord, / Who made heaven and earth

LEADER 1: He will not suffer your foot to slip, / your guardian shall not sleep

LEADER 2: Indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps, / the guardian of Israel

LEADER 1: The Lord is your guardian. / The Lord shall shelter you with his right hand.

LEADER 2: By day the sun shall not harm you, / nor the moon by night

LEADER 1: The Lord shall guard you from all evil. / The Lord shall guard your soul

LEADER 2: He shall guard your going out and your coming in, / from henceforth and forevermore.

LEADER 1: And to you belongs the praise, O God. Barekmor

PRAYER OF ST. SEVERIOS

LEADER 1: He dwells under the protection of the Most High, beneath the shadow of the wings of your loving kindness.

LEADER 2: Protect us, O Lord, and have mercy upon us; you who hear all, hear the prayer of servants in your loving kindness

LEADER 1: An evening full of peace and a night of holiness, grant us, O Christ our Savior, for you are the king of glory.

LEADER 2: To you our eyes are turned, pardon our offenses and our sins; in this world and in the world to come, have mercy on us.

LEADER 1: O Lord, let your mercy protect us and your grace rest upon our faces, and let your cross † guard us from the evil one and his powers.

LEADER 2: May your right hand rest upon us all the days of our life, and your peace reign among us, and give hope and salvation to the souls of those who pray to you.

LEADER 1: By the prayer of Mary who bore you, and of all the saints, pardon me, O Lord, and have mercy on me, O God. **–Amen**

PRAISE OF THE CHERUBIM

(Ezekiel 3:12)

LEADER 1: † Blessed be the glory of the Lord in His Place forever;

LEADER 2: † Blessed be the glory of the Lord in His Place forever;
† Blessed be the glory of the Lord in His Place forever and ever.

LEADER 1: Holy and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us;

LEADER 2: Holy and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us;
Holy and glorious Trinity, have compassion and mercy upon us.

LEADER 1: You are holy and glorious forever

LEADER 2: You are holy and glorious forever
You are holy and Your name is blessed forever.

LEADER 1: Glory to You, our Lord.

LEADER 2: Glory to You, our Lord;
Glory to You, our hope forever. –**Barekmor**

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LEADER 1: Introduction of the Speaker:
Today we have _____

Section 4 to be led by the speaker

Prayer Before Devotional

SPEAKER:

Grant us, O Lord God, the knowledge of Your divine words and fill us with the understanding of Your Holy Gospel, the richness of Your divine gifts and the endowments of Your Holy Spirit. And grant us that, with joy, we may keep Your commandments, perform and fulfill Your will and become worthy of Your blessings and mercies from You, our Lord and our God, now and forever. Amen.

8 to 10 minute devotional

Prayer After Devotional

Unto our Lord Jesus Christ be glory, thanks and blessings for His living words to us, unto His Father Who sent Him for our salvation and to His Living and Life-giving Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Section 5 (Can have 2 other leaders if desired)

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LEADER 1: We believe in one true God

LEADER 2: the Father Almighty / Maker of heaven and earth / and of all things visible and invisible/

LEADER 1: And in the One Lord Jesus Christ

LEADER 2: the only-begotten Son of God / begotten of the Father before all worlds / Light of Light / true God of true God / begotten, not made / being of one essence as the Father / and by whom all things were made/

†Who for us men / and for our Salvation / came down from heaven/

†And was incarnate of the Holy Virgin Mary / Mother of God / by the Holy Spirit / and became Man/

†and was crucified for us / in the days of Pontius Pilate / and suffered, and died / and was buried/

And the third day rose again / according to His will / and ascended into heaven / and sits on the right hand of His Father / and shall come again in His great glory / to judge both the living and the dead / whose kingdom shall have no end/

LEADER 1: And in the One living Holy Spirit

LEADER 2: the life-giving Lord of all / who proceeds from the Father / and who with the Father and the Son / is worshipped and glorified / who spoke by the prophets and the Apostles/

LEADER 1: And in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church

LEADER 2: And we acknowledge one Baptism / for the remission of sins / And look for the resurrection of the dead / and the new life in the world to come.
Amen, Barekmor, Staumen Kalos, Kurielaison

INTERCESSORY HYMNS

LEADER 1: Glory be to God on high
LEADER 2: To His Mother honor be
To the martyrs crowns of praise
Grace and mercy to the dead

Holy Cross

LEADER 1: The Cross is a sign of peace
LEADER 2: and a sign of victory
by the Cross we all are saved,
in the Cross we all glory

Theotokos

LEADER 1: By Thy Cross, O Jesus Lord
LEADER 2: By Thy Mother's praying word
Take from us and from our path
Punishments and rods of wrath

Saints

LEADER 1: Plead for us O holy Saints
LEADER 2: Pray to Him whose will ye did
That from anger we be spared
That from scourges we be hid

Departed Clergy

LEADER 1: May those feet that cleanly trod
LEADER 2: Keeping pure Thy holy place
Tread the courts of paradise
And with angels e'er abide

Departed Faithful

LEADER 1: May departed ones receive
LEADER 2: Who confessed the Trinity
What was promised to the thief
Paradise with Thee, O Lord

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LEADER 1: God our Heavenly Father

LEADER 2: Have mercy on us

LEADER 1: Son of God, Savior of the world

LEADER 2: Have mercy on us

LEADER 1: Holy Spirit, Giver of life

LEADER 2: Have mercy on us

LEADER 1: Holy Trinity, One True God

LEADER 2: Have mercy on us

LEADER 1: Let us remember all of our families, especially those enduring struggle and hardships, that they may receive grace and mercy and become living stones in Christ our true foundation, let us pray to the Lord.

LEADER 2: Lord, have mercy

LEADER 1: Let us remember all those who have gathered here together in Your name, especially those who have asked us to remember them today, that they may live in faith, love, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

LEADER 2: Lord, have mercy

LEADER 1: Let us remember our students and young professionals, that they may perform well according to their abilities and bring glory and honor to the name of God, let us pray to the Lord.

LEADER 2: Lord, have mercy

LEADER 1: Let us remember the leaders and teachers in our churches, for bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, and lay-leaders, that they may continue to receive the indwelling and wisdom of the Holy Spirit to lead the people of God in all the ways of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

LEADER 2: Lord, have mercy

LEADER 1: Let us remember the President and leaders of our country, that they may be guided by the spirit of courage and wisdom to serve the people in truth, let us pray to the Lord.

LEADER 2: Lord, have mercy

LEADER 1: Let us remember all those who are suffering from ill health and disease in body, mind and soul, especially **(NAMES OF THE SICK)**, that they may be touched by the healing hand of God, let us pray to the Lord.

LEADER 2: Lord, have mercy

LEADER 1: Let us remember all those who have passed away from us in love and in the true faith, that God may grant rest to their souls and bodies and sprinkle upon their bones the dew of His grace and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

LEADER 2: Lord, have mercy

LEADER 1: Praise and thanks be to the Blessed Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen**

PRAYER

(Shudhamulla Bava...)

LEADER 1: O Holy Father, guard us by Thy Sacred Name,

LEADER 2: O Son of God, our Savior, protect us with Thy victorious Cross. †

O Holy Spirit, make us worthy temples of Thy Holy habitation.

O Lord our God, forever shelter us under Thy divine wings, at all times, forever.—Amen

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