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FIRST PRAYER

The Catholic epistle from our teacher St. James the Apostle may his blessing be with us all amen.

James 5:10-20

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My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the LORD, that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the

A chapter from the Gospel according to our teacher St. Matthew the Evangelist and the pure disciple, may his blessing be with us all amen.

Matt 6:14-18

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"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. *And glory to God, be forever.*



shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. *Grace of God, the Father, be with all of you.*



A psalm from our father David the Prophet and the King, may his blessing be with us all amen.

Ps 25:17-20

Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive all my sins. Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You. Alleluia.

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sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. *Love not the world, neither the things pertaining to the world, the world passes away and the lust thereof, he that does the will of God remains forever, Amen.*



A psalm from our father David the prophet and the King, may his blessing be with us all amen.

Ps 6:1-2 (- :)

O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are troubled. Alleluia.

A chapter from the Gospel according to our teacher St. John the Evangelist and the pure disciple, may his blessing be with us all amen.

John 5:1-17 (- :)

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an

Seventh Prayer

A chapter from the epistle of our teacher St. Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians may his blessing be with us all amen.

Eph 6:10-18 (- :)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the

him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." *And glory to God, be forever.*



angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus

had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. Honor the Father and the Son For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." *And glory to God, be forever.*



He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to

word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. *Grace of God, the Father, be with all of you. Amen.*



A psalm from our father David the Prophet and the King, may his blessing be with us all amen.

Ps 4:1

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Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer. Alleluia.

A chapter from the Gospel according to our teacher St. Luke the Evangelist and the pure disciple, may his blessing be with us all amen.

Luke 7:36-50

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Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And

Second Prayer

A chapter from the epistle of our teacher St. Paul the Apostle to the Romans may his blessing be with us all amen.

Rom 15:1-8

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We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as

Christ also received us, to the glory of God. *Grace of God, the Father, be with all of you. Amen*



A psalm from our father David the Prophet and the King, may his blessing be with us all amen.

Ps 102:1-2

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Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily. *Alleluia.*

A chapter from the Gospel according to our teacher St. Luke the Evangelist and the pure disciple, may his blessing be with us all amen.

Luke 19:1-10

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Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now

Sixth Prayer

A chapter from the epistle of our teacher St. Paul the Apostle to the Colossians may his blessing be with us all amen.

Col 3:12-17

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Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in

believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. *And glory to God, be forever.*



behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." *And glory to God, be forever.*



Third Prayer

A chapter from the First epistle of our teacher St. Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians may his blessing be with us all amen.

1 Cor 12:27-13:9

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could

were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else

loved me and gave Himself for me. *Grace of God, the Father, be with all of you. Amen*



A psalm from our father David the Prophet and the King, may his blessing be with us all amen.

Ps 142:7

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Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name; The righteous shall surround me, For You shall deal bountifully with me." Alleluia.

A chapter from the Gospel according to our teacher St. John the Evangelist and the pure disciple, may his blessing be with us all amen.

John 14:1-19

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"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it

remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. *Grace of God, the Father, be with all of you. Amen.*



A psalm from our father David the Prophet and the King, may his blessing be with us all amen.

Ps 38:1-2

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O LORD, do not rebuke me in
Your wrath, Nor chasten me in
Your hot displeasure! For
Your arrows pierce me deeply,
and Your hand presses me
down. Alleluia.

*A chapter from the Gospel
according to our teacher St.
Matthew the Evangelist and
the pure disciple, may his
blessing be with us all amen.*

Matt 10:1-9

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And when He had called His
twelve disciples to Him, He
gave them power over unclean
spirits, to cast them out, and to
heal all kinds of sickness and
all kinds of disease. Now the
names of the twelve apostles
are these: first, Simon, who is
called Peter, and Andrew his
brother; James the son of
Zebedee, and John his brother;
Philip and Bartholomew;
Thomas and Matthew the tax
collector; James the son of
Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus,
whose surname was

Fifth Prayer

*A chapter from the epistle of
our teacher St. Paul the
Apostle to the Galatians may
his blessing be with us all
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Gal 2:16-20

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Knowing that a man is not
justified by the works of the law
but by faith in Jesus Christ,
even we have believed in
Christ Jesus, that we might be
justified by faith in Christ and
not by the works of the law; for
by the works of the law no
flesh shall be justified. "But if,
while we seek to be justified by
Christ, we ourselves also are
found sinners, is Christ
therefore a minister of sin?
Certainly not! For if I build
again those things which I
destroyed, I make myself a
transgressor. For I through the
law died to the law that I might
live to God. I have been
crucified with Christ; it is no
longer I who live, but Christ
lives in me; and the life which I
now live in the flesh I live by
faith in the Son of God, who

Luke 10:1-9

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After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' *And glory to God, be forever.*



Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. *And glory to God, be forever.*



Fourth Prayer

A chapter from the epistle of our teacher St. Paul the Apostle to the Romans may his blessing be with us all amen.

Rom 8:14-21

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For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but

because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. *Grace of God, the Father, be with all of you. Amen*



A psalm from our father David the Prophet and the King, may his blessing be with us all amen.

Ps 51:1-2

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Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
Alleluia.

A chapter from the Gospel according to our teacher St. Luke the Evangelist and the pure disciple, may his blessing be with us all amen.