

The Trisagion Prayers of Mercy for the Departed

DEACON: Bless, father.

If a Layperson leads:

PRIEST: Blessed is our God always, now
and ever, and unto ages of ages.

LAYPERSON: In the Name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Trisagion Prayers

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

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities.
Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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.

PRIEST: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Troparia for the Departed – Tone 4

With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest to the soul of Your servant, O Savior;
and preserve him in that life of blessedness which is with You, O lover of mankind.

In the place of Your rest, O Lord, where all Your saints repose, give rest also to the soul of Your
servant; for You alone love mankind.

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

You are our God, Who descended into Hades, and loosed the bonds of those who were there;
give rest also to the soul of Your servant.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Virgin, alone pure and blameless, who without seed gave birth to God, intercede for the
salvation of *his* soul.

The Litany for the Departed¹

The deacon censes as he says the following petitions.

DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, hear us we pray, and have
mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

¹ The petitions of this Litany are omitted when the service is for a baptized infant or child of pre-confession
age (generally accepted as through age six). In that case, immediately after the Troparia, the appropriate
Prayer for the Departed is said.

DEACON: Again we pray for the repose of the soul of the servant of God, *N.*, departed this life; and that You will pardon *his* every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary.²

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: That the Lord God will establish *his* soul where the just repose.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: The mercies of God, the kingdom of heaven, and the forgiveness of *his* sins, let us ask of Christ, our immortal King and our God.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

The Prayer for the Departed

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

Usual Service³

PRIEST: O God of spirits and of all flesh, Who have trampled down death and made powerless the devil and given life to Your world: Give rest also to the soul of Your departed servant, *N.*, in a place of brightness, a place of green pastures,⁴ a place of repose, where all sickness, sorrow, and sighing have fled away. Pardon every sin which *he* has committed, whether by word or deed or thought; for You are good and love mankind, and there is no man who lives and sins not, for You only are without sin, and Your righteousness is to all eternity, and Your word is truth.

For You are the Resurrection and the Life and the Repose of Your departed servant(s), *N.*, O Christ our God, and unto You we ascribe glory, together with Your unoriginate Father and Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.⁵

PEOPLE: Amen.

For an Infant or Child

PRIEST: O Lord, Who watch over little children in this present life and in the life which is to come because of their simplicity of mind and innocence, satisfying them in Abraham's bosom and bringing them to brightly radiant places where the spirits of the righteous dwell: Receive in peace the soul of Your servant, the child, *N.*, for You Yourself have said, "Allow the little children to come unto Me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

² *On Souls Saturday the following petition is used instead:*

Again we pray for the repose of all pious Orthodox Christians who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection to life everlasting: kings, patriarchs, bishops, priests, deacons, hieromonks, hierodeacons, monks, nuns, parents, forebearers, grandparents, great-grandparents, children, spouses, youths, brethren, and all our kinsmen, from the beginning of time; and that You will pardon their every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary.

³ *On Souls Saturday the priest says the following prayer:*

O God of spirits and of all flesh, Who have trampled down death and made powerless the devil and given life to Your world: Give rest, O Lord, to the souls of Your departed servants, all pious Orthodox Christians who have fallen asleep in the Lord from all the ends of the world: kings, patriarchs, bishops, priests, deacons, hieromonks, hierodeacons, monks, nuns, parents, forebearers, grandparents, great-grandparents, children, spouses, youths, brethren, and all our kinsmen in a place of brightness, a place of green pastures, a place of repose, where all sickness, sorrow, and sighing have fled away. Pardon every sin which they have committed, whether by word or deed or thought; for You are good and love mankind, and there is no man who lives and sins not, for You only are without sin, and Your righteousness is to all eternity, and Your word is truth. For you are the Resurrection...

⁴ *Or verdure, that is a place of greenness, refreshment, springtime, or renewed life. In Greek en tópo chloepó.*

⁵ *If three or more bishops and/or priests are concelebrating, the first priest says the proper prayer and the exclamation, For You are the Resurrection.... Then each of the others repeats the exclamation, the deacon saying before each: Let us pray to the Lord.*

The Dismissal

PRIEST: Glory to You, O Christ, our God
and our hope, glory to You.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Father, bless.

If a Layperson leads:

LAYPERSON: O Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of
God, through the intercessions of Your
most-pure Mother, of Saint (*of the day*),
and of all the saints, have mercy on us and
save us, for You are a merciful God and
love mankind. Amen.

And then sing, "Memory Eternal."

PRIEST: May Christ, our true God, the immortal King, Who has dominion over the living and
the dead, and Who rose from the dead,
through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-blameless, holy Mother,
of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles,
of our venerable and God-bearing fathers,
of our venerable forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
of the holy and righteous friend of Christ, Lazarus of four-days,
and of all the saints,
establish the soul of His servant, *N.*, departed this life, in the dwelling-place of the righteous, give
him rest in the bosom of Abraham, and number *him* among the righteous; and have mercy on us,
for He is good and loves mankind.

Memory Eternal

PRIEST: May your memory be eternal, O our ever-memorable *brother (sister)*, who are worthy
of blessedness.

Or: Grant rest eternal and blessed repose, O Lord, to the soul(s) of Your servant(s), *N.*, and
make *his (her, their)* memory eternal. (*slavic usage*)

The priest, standing at his place, may cense while all sing:

PEOPLE: Memory eternal. (3x)

PRIEST: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us
and save us.

PEOPLE: Amen.