

PRAYER OF PROTECTION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS



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Deacon: Master, give the blessing.

Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

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People: Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You made the fishermen all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

The Litany

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

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray for pious and Orthodox Christians.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

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Deacon: Again we pray for our Archbishop Alexios,¹ and all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, forgiveness and remission of the sins of the servants of God, those who are under impending threat of the Corona Virus, those who are suffering and those who are recovering from this affliction.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray for the protection of this Holy Church and this city (*monastery*), and every city (*monastery*) and land from wrath, famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, foreign invasion, civil strife and accidental death. That our good and loving God may be merciful, gracious and kindly-disposed, and may divert and disperse all anger and disease coming against us, and deliver us from His own just threat hanging over us, and have mercy on us.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

Deacon: Again we pray that the Lord God may hear the prayer of us sinners and have mercy on us.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3)

¹ If an Auxiliary or Titular Bishop is serving, then he is commemorated immediately following the commemoration of the local Metropolitan “and our Bishop (name)...”

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And he exclaims:

Priest: For You are a merciful God Who loves mankind, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

The Priest, bowing his head, says the following prayer:

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(Prayer by Grace Bishop Alexis (Trader) of Bethesda)

Priest: O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in Your ineffable goodness, look down upon Your people gathered in Your name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. You know our weakness. You hear our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who loves mankind deliver us from the impending threat of the corona virus. Send Your Angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians, and preserve those who are healthy that we may continue to serve You in peace and glorify Your most honorable and majestic Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Dismissal

Priest: Glory to You, O God, our Hope, Lord, glory to You.

Deacon: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. (3) Holy Master, give the blessing.

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate Holy Mother; the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of Heaven; the supplications of the honorable, glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist; of the holy, glorious and praise-worthy Apostles; of the holy, glorious and triumphant Martyrs; of our righteous and God-bearing Fathers; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; (*saint of the day*), whose memory we celebrate today; and of all the saints; have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

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

People: Amen.