

Akathist to Almighty God



For Help in Times of Trouble

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Kontakion I

O CHAMPION LEADER and Lord, You are the Joy and Gladness of Your servants! Wherever You are, all grief is set at naught; wherever You are not, all joy is in vain. Look down upon me, a sinner who am perishing in this misfortune, and with the revelation of Your salvation visit me who cries aloud:

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O Creator of Angels and Lord of Hosts, for the sake of the salvation of fallen man You did not disdain the Virgin's womb; and afterwards, O Word of God, You endured spitting, mockery and a shameful death, in that You are good and love mankind. Mindful of this, I dare to approach You and to pray with tears:

O Lord, my Lord, my merciful Savior, save me who am perishing;

O Lord, my Lord, Who came not to save the righteous but sinners, deliver me from this temptation!

O Lord, my Lord, Who accepts our infirmities and bears our afflictions, send down Your peace upon my troubled soul;

O Lord, my Lord, Who by Your death has abolished death, relieve me from the deceitful cunning ways of the devil which are against me!

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Kontakion II

Seeing before my eyes the many manifestations of Your Love for mankind shown forth upon sinners, I also dare to lift up my eyes to You Who dwell in Heaven. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak. Deliver me from this bitter grief and account me worthy to chant with joy and gladness: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos II

You created me a rational creature, O my Creator; but, wretch that I am, I have allowed myself to become like the irrational beasts and have likened myself to them, and have angered Your Goodness, O Savior. Wherefore, You have justly afflicted me with this sorrow. This I acknowledge and repenting, I flee to You praying:

O Lord, my Lord, Who preserved me in my youth; protect me from the enemies who afflict me!

O Lord, my Lord, the strengthening of my body in old age; strengthen me who am ailing in soul and body!

O Lord, my Lord, the Consolation of my soul; comfort me who am troubled!

O Lord, my Lord, my Guide; direct me to the path of salvation!

O Lord, my Lord, my Joy, grant that I may rejoice in Your Mercy!

Kontakion III

O Lord Who are mighty in battle, come to the aid of my afflicted soul, and be my helper against the enemies visible and invisible, for my father and my mother have forsaken me, and my friends and neighbors have stood afar off from me. But You, O Father of orphans and Judge of widows, a helper unto me who am helpless, yet chant to You: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos III

O You Who has Heaven for Your throne and earth for Your footstool, O Fearsome One Who takes away the spirit of princes, do not reject me who am dust and ashes, yet who dares say to You Who are everywhere present and know all things:

O Lord, my Lord, lift up Your might and come to save me from the hands of the mighty who oppress me!

O Lord, my Lord, Whom all fear and before Whom all tremble, take pity on me, for the darkness of death has covered me because of my sins!

O Lord, my Lord, Who clothed Yourself with light as with a garment; enlighten me who am overtaken by the darkness in the grief of life!

O Lord, my Lord, Who stretches out the Heavens like a tent; extend to me the shelter of Your help!

O Lord, my Lord, impart Your peace to my lowly soul!

O Lord, my Lord, my Joy, grant that I may rejoice in Your mercy!

Kontakion IV

Drowning in the storms of this most turbulent life, I stretch out my hand to You, O Word of God. As You saved the drowning Peter, so stretch out Your hand to me, and deliver me from this misfortune, that with joy and a thankful heart I may cry out to You: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos IV

Lord, I have heard Your most sweet voice, for You did say: “Call upon Me in the day of your tribulation, and I will rescue you, and you shall glorify Me.” And from the depths of my despair, I dare to approach You with boldness, saying:

O Lord, my Lord, I have sinned against Heaven and before You; accept me as You accepted the prodigal son!

O Lord, my Lord, Who justified the publican rather than the Pharisee; enter not into judgment with Your servant, for there is no one living who is justified in Your sight!

O Lord, my Lord, Teacher of wisdom; instruct me Your servant!

O Lord, my Lord, Bestower of Understanding, grant me understanding, that I may be able to escape the deceitful cunning ways and wicked treachery of those who hate me!

O Lord, my Lord, Who looks down upon the lowly; behold my tribulation and my difficulty, and reveal Your Mercy to me!

O Lord, my Lord, my Joy, grant that I may rejoice in Your mercy!

Kontakion V

Through the Divinely flowing blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, have we been reconciled to You, O Heavenly Father; yet to my sorrow, I have returned again to sin, like a dog to its vomit, for which cause You are justly chastising me with this grievous misfortune.

But hearken unto me, O Lord my God, on this day of my grief; show me Your Mercy and salvation, and grant that amid my chastisement, I may ever cry out to Your Glory: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos V

The Prophet David, seeing the Prophet Nathan denouncing him for what he had done, came to his senses and confessed his sin and said: “I have sinned before the Lord and the Lord heard me, and took away my offenses. But wretch that I am, I have sinned more than before, and have not acquired the fruit of repentance.” Therefore, these evils have befallen me. But be merciful to me who prays to You:

O Lord, my Lord, strengthen me with power from on High, for fear that I may fall under the weight of this tribulation!

O Lord, my Lord, Who mercifully regarded the tears of Hezekiah; look with the Eye of Your kindness upon the shedding of my tears before You!

O Lord, my Lord, Who heard the sighs of Manasseh; hear the sighs of my heart!

O Lord, my Lord, Who dwells in Heaven and looks down upon the lowly; look upon me a sinner!

O Lord, my Lord, my Joy, grant that I may rejoice in Your mercy!

Kontakion VI

Your Forerunner, the Preacher of repentance, O Word of God, cried out repeatedly to my conscience for me to repent of my evil deeds. But wretch that I am, I have paid him no attention. Your just wrath has overtaken me, for misfortune and sorrows have befallen me, a sinner. But before You visit me, O Lord God, my Savior; grant me time, that I may lament my evil deeds and chant to Your Glory: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos VI

O my Savior, amid my sorrow, Your comforting Words have enlightened me, which You did speak, saying: “Forgive, and it shall be forgiven you.” And right away, escaping the snares of despair, with trust in Your Love for mankind I have fled to You, praying:

O Lord, my Lord, my consolation; comfort me who am grieved!

O Lord, my Lord, my helper, help me against those who rise up against me!

O Lord, my Lord, my aid, help me, for my soul has grown weak because of this sorrow!

O Lord, my Lord, Pre-eternal Memory, grant that I may always have Your charity in mind, and may never despair of Your mercy!

O Lord, my Lord, my strength; strengthen me so that with boldness I may ask for Your help!

O Lord, my Lord, my Joy, grant that I may rejoice in Your mercy!

Kontakion VII

Once the ungodly King Nebuchadnezzar, determined to destroy the three Holy youths, and commanded that they be cast into the fiery furnace. But You, O Heavenly Father, sent Your Angel to cool the burning flame. Do You now also, O Lord, send consolation to Your servant, and save me for the sake of Your mercy. For even though I have sinned; I have not departed from You and I worship You, the One true God, chanting to Your Glory: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos VII

You were wondrously glorified before Pharaoh and all his host, O God of Israel, for You did not disdain the misery of Your people, but heard their cry. Therefore, hear also my supplication and save me who cry to Your Glory:

O Lord, my Lord, Who delivered Your people out of the hands of their enemies; rescue me also from the hands of those who hate me!

O Lord, my Lord, Who led Your chosen ones out of the land of Egypt; lead my soul out of this sorrow!

O Lord, my Lord, Who brought warfare to naught; bring to naught the assaults of those who devise evil against me!

O Lord, my Lord, Who drowned Pharaoh's chosen riders in the Red Sea; drown the multitude of my sins in the sea of Your loving-kindness!

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Kontakion VIII

I have made myself a stranger of Your mercy, O Heavenly Father; by my evil deeds I have estranged myself from You and have enslaved myself to this vain world. Therefore, I burn with the grievous sorrow; I am drowning in the deep abyss of despair. But as You are merciful and love mankind, accept me who am perishing, and from this tribulation save me who cry out to You: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos VIII

Totally polluted with the impurity of sin, plunged into the depths of evil, I lift up my eyes unto You Who dwells in Heaven. Hear my cry of lamentation:

O Lord, my Lord, Who has illumined the day with the light of the sun; illumine my soul which has been overtaken by the darkness of the vanities of this world!

O Lord, my Lord, all-Good Comforter, fill my sinful soul with Divine consolation!

O Lord, my Lord, by Whose Word the Heavens have been established; make me steadfast in the confession of Your Holy Name!

O Lord, my Lord, You Who are held upon the wings of the cherubim and are hymned by the seraphim; accept from me, a sinner, this entreaty which I offer unto Your Glory!

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Kontakion IX

O Source of all mercy and Bestower of understanding, O all-Good Comforter, teach me to express worthy praises in Your presence, and with Your divine consolation please fill my soul, which has been darkened by the passions, and my mind, which is troubled by grief of this world, that with gladness I may chant to You: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos IX

The most eloquent of orators cannot recount the extent of Your great goodness and Your love for mankind, O Son of God; for You humbled Yourself assuming the form of a servant. Therefore, do not reject me who has committed sins without number, yet who stands before You with fear and prays:

O Lord, my Lord, Good Shepherd Who laid down Your Life for Your sheep; deliver me, Your lost sheep, from the jaws of the soul-destroying wolf, who desires to devour me!

O Lord, my Lord, Who for our sake was mocked, slain, and nailed to the Cross; keep me from the mockery of my enemies, visible and invisible, for the sake of Your sufferings!

O Lord, my Lord, You all sinless One, Who was numbered among the transgressors; rescue me from the hands of those who hate me!

O Lord, my Lord, by Whose stripes all are healed; heal my heart which has been afflicted with bitterness!

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Kontakion X

Desiring to save Israel Your chosen from the oppression of Egypt, You called Moses, Your servant, through the Burning Bush, and You said to him: "I have beheld the affliction of My people in Egypt, and have heard their cries." Therefore, look now my Lord upon my afflictions, and heal the agony of my heart, that I may cry in thanksgiving to Your Glory: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos X

O Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth; show Your servant, Your loving-kindness, and visit my soul which is plunged into grief, and strengthen me who pray to You:

O Lord, my Lord, Who taught Your Apostles to speak in other tongues; teach me the fear of You!

O Lord, my Lord, Who filled the Martyrs with boldness when they stood before the judgment seat of men; grant me boldly to stand against sin, the world and the devil!

O Lord, my Lord, Holy Sanctifier of Your faithful, bless my soul, that it may be worthy to be called Your Habitation!

O Lord, my Lord, Light and Bestower of light, illumine me who am overtaken in the darkness of sorrow!

O Lord, my Lord, Treasury of good things, deprive me not of the gifts of Your goodness!

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Kontakion XI

O all-Good Master, do not disdain the one who offers You remorseful hymns and prays to You with a repentant heart. Turn Your face away from my sins; but do not turn Your Countenance from Your servant, for I am afflicted. Quickly hear me who chants unto Your Glory: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos XI

O Christ God, true Light, illumine with the light of Your grace my soul which has been darkened by the passions, so that with reverence I may pray to You, saying:

O Lord, my Lord, do not destroy me, wretch that I am, who lacks all correction in my life; yet dares to stand before You!

O Lord, my Lord, Fervor Who created life; warm me who am withering away amid this sorrow!

O Lord, my Lord, Splendor of the glory of the Father; shine the Light of Your aid upon me!

O Lord, my Lord, Who makes Your Angels spirits and Your ministers a flame of fire, send Your Angel to keep me from all evil!

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For the sake of Your Love for mankind, O Heavenly Father, You sent Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who appeared on earth and dwelt among men; and afterwards, though He is sinless, He was numbered among the transgressors; and through His own Blood He caused the restoration of our nature which had been disfigured by sin; and He has taught the whole world to chant: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

Ikos XII

Chanting Your inexpressible love for mankind, O Christ God, I confess Your just Judgment, in that for our salvation You willed to endure the Cross and death. For in truth and justice You have allowed this sorrow upon me for the sake of my sins. O You Who came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance; hear me who has sinned more than the most sinful of men, for I pray to You chanting:

O Lord, my Lord, Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world; take from me the heavy burden of my sins!

O Lord, my Lord, Who like a lamb led to the slaughter but did not open Your mouth; teach me to endure the evils which oppress me without complaint!

O Lord, my Lord, Who did destroy the record of Adam; destroy the record of my countless sins !

O Lord, my Lord, Who accepted the repentance of the thief; accept the repentance of me a sinner!

O Lord, my Lord, Who raised the dead; resurrect my soul which has been completely subdued by sins!

O Lord, my Lord, restoration of the fallen; raise me up who has also fallen!

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Kontakion XIII

(Kontakion XIII to be read three times)

O most loving and all-Good Lord my God, Helper of the oppressed and Hope of the hopeless: With the eye of Your compassion, look upon my affliction and sorrow, and for the sake of Your mercy save me who chants to Your Glory: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** (People sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!)

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