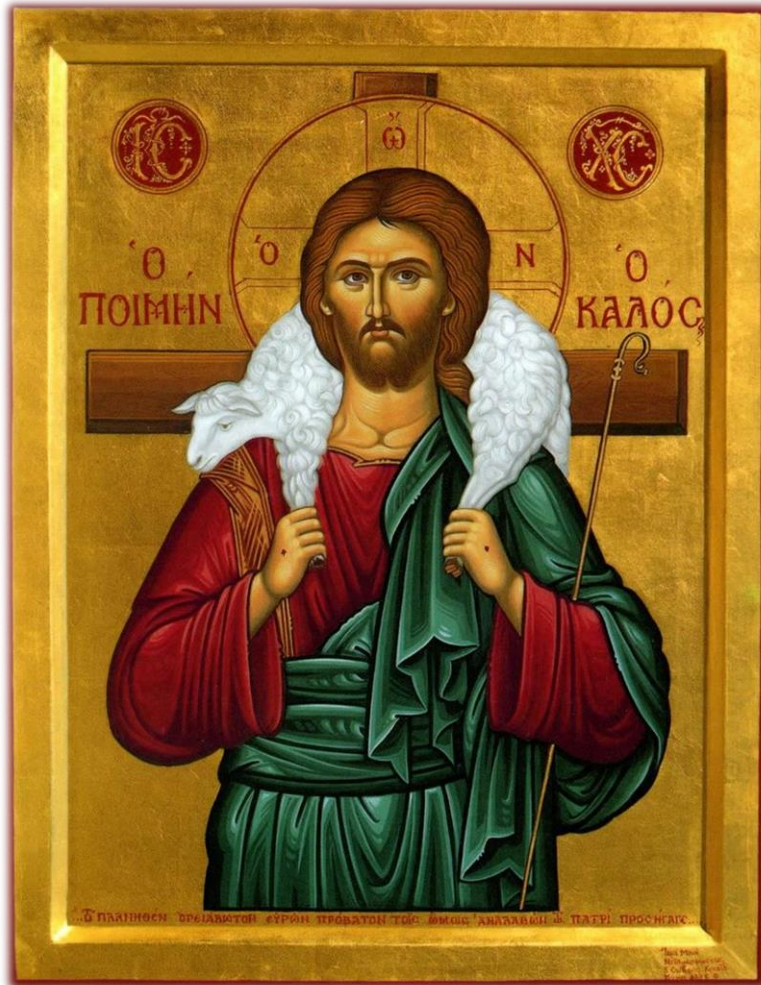


# Akathist to Our Sweetest Lord Jesus Christ



For the Prayers of  
Our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ

## **Kontakion 1**

Warrior-Chieftain and Lord, Vanquisher of hell, I Your creature and servant offer You songs of praise, for You have delivered me from eternal death. But as You have unutterable loving-kindness, free me from every danger, as I cry:

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me.**

## **Ikos 1**

Creator of Angels and Lord of Hosts! As of old You opened ear and tongue to the deaf and dumb, likewise open now my perplexed mind and tongue to the praise of Your Most Holy Name that I may cry to You:

Jesus, All-Wonderful, Angels' Astonishment!

Jesus, All-Powerful, Forefathers' Deliverance!

Jesus, All-Sweetest, Patriarchs' Exaltation!

Jesus, All-Glorious, Kings' Stronghold!

Jesus, All-Beloved, Prophets' Fulfillment!

Jesus, All-Marvelous, Martyrs' Strength!

Jesus, All-Peaceful, Monks' Joy!

Jesus, All-Gracious, Presbyters' Sweetness!

Jesus, All-Merciful, Fasters' Abstinence!

Jesus, All-Tender, Saints' Rejoicing!

Jesus, All-Honorable, Virgins' Chastity!

Jesus, Everlasting, Sinners' Salvation!

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**

## **Kontakion 2**

As when seeing the widow weeping bitterly, O Lord, You were moved with pity, and raised her son from the dead as he was being carried to burial, likewise have pity on me, O Lover of men, and raise my soul, deadened by sins, as I cry: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

## **Ikos 2**

Seeking to know what surpasses knowledge, Philip asked: "Lord, show us the Father;" and You answered him: "Have I been so long with you and yet have you not known that I am in the Father and the Father in Me?" Likewise, O Inconceivable One, with fear I cry to You:

Jesus, Eternal God!  
Jesus, All-Powerful King!  
Jesus, Long-suffering Master!  
Jesus, All-Merciful Savior!  
Jesus, my gracious Guardian!  
Jesus, cleanse my sins!  
Jesus, take away my iniquities!  
Jesus, pardon my unrighteousness!  
Jesus, My Hope, forsake me not!  
Jesus, My Helper, reject me not!  
Jesus, My Creator, forget me not!  
Jesus, My Shepherd, lose me not!

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**

### **Kontakion 3**

You imbued with power from on high Your Apostles who tarried in Jerusalem, O Jesus, clothe me also, stripped bare of all good work, with the warmth of Your Holy Spirit, and grant that with love I may sing to You: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

### **Ikos 3**

In the abundance of Your mercy, O Jesus, You have called publicans and sinners and infidels. Now do not despise me who is like them, but as precious myrrh accept this song:

Jesus, Invincible Power!

Jesus, Infinite Mercy!

Jesus, Radiant Beauty!

Jesus, Unspeakable Love!

Jesus, Son of the Living God!

Jesus, Have mercy on me, a sinner!

Jesus, Hear me, who was conceived in iniquity!

Jesus, Cleanse me who was born in sin!

Jesus, Teach me who am worthless!

Jesus, Enlighten my darkness!

Jesus, Purify me who am unclean!

Jesus, Restore me, a prodigal!

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**

## **Kontakion 4**

Having an interior storm of doubting thoughts, Peter was sinking. But beholding You, O Jesus, in the flesh walking on the waters, he confessed You to be the true God; and receiving the hand of salvation, he cried: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

## **Ikos 4**

When the blind man heard You, O Lord, passing by on the way, he cried: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! And You called him and open his eyes. Likewise enlighten the spiritual eyes of my heart with Your love as I cry to You and say:

Jesus, Creator of those on high!

Jesus, Redeemer of those below!

Jesus, Vanquisher of the powers of hell!

Jesus, Adorner of every creature!

Jesus, Comforter of my soul!

Jesus, Enlightener of my mind!

Jesus, Gladness of my heart!

Jesus, Health of my body!

Jesus, my Savior, save me!

Jesus, my Light, enlighten me!

Jesus, deliver me from all torments!

Jesus, save me despite my unworthiness!

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**

## **Kontakion 5**

As of old You redeemed us from the curse of the law by Your Divinely-shed Blood, O Jesus, likewise rescue me from the snares in which the serpent has entangled us through the passions of the flesh, through lustful suggestions and evil despondency, as we cry to You: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

## **Ikos 5**

Seeing the Creator in human form and knowing Him to be their Lord, the Hebrew children sought to please Him with branches, crying: Hosanna! But we offer You a song, saying:

Jesus, True God!

Jesus, Son of David!

Jesus, Glorious King!

Jesus, Innocent Lamb!

Jesus, Wonderful Shepherd!

Jesus, Guardian of my infancy!

Jesus, Nourisher of my youth!

Jesus, Praise of my old age!

Jesus, My hope at death!

Jesus, My life after death!

Jesus, My comfort at Your Judgment!

Jesus, My desire, let me not be ashamed.

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**

## **Kontakion 6**

In fulfillment of the words and message of the inspired Prophets, O Jesus, You appeared on earth, and You the uncontainable dwell with men. Therefore, being healed through Your wounds, we learned to sing: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

## **Ikos 6**

When the light of Your truth dawned on the world, devilish delusion was driven away; for the idols, O our Savior, have fallen, unable to endure Your strength. But we, who have received salvation, cry to You:

Jesus, The Truth, dispelling falsehood!

Jesus, The Light above all lights!

Jesus, The King, surpassing all in strength!

Jesus, God, constant in mercy!

Jesus, Bread of Life, fill me who am hungry!

Jesus, Source of Knowledge, refresh me who am  
thirsty!

Jesus, Garment of Gladness, clothe my nakedness!

Jesus, Veil of Joy, cover my unworthiness!

Jesus, Giver to those who ask, give me sorrow for me  
sins!

Jesus, Finder of those who seek, find my soul!

Jesus, Opener to those who knock, open my wretched  
heart!

Jesus, Redeemer of sinners, wash away my sins!

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**

## **Kontakion 7**

Desiring to unveil the mystery hidden from all ages, You were led as a sheep to the slaughter, O Jesus, and as a lamb before its shearer. But as God You rose from the dead and ascended with glory to Heaven, and along with Yourself, You raised us who cry:  
**Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

## **Ikos 7**

The Creator has shown us a marvelous Creature, Who took flesh without seed from a Virgin, rose from the tomb without breaking the seal, and entered bodily the Apostles' room when the doors were shut. Therefore, marveling at this we sing:

Jesus, Uncontainable Word!

Jesus, Inscrutable Intelligence!

Jesus, Incomprehensible Power!

Jesus, Inconceivable Wisdom!

Jesus, Undepictable Deity!

Jesus, Boundless Dominion!

Jesus, Invincible Kingdom!

Jesus, Unending Sovereignty!

Jesus, Supreme Strength!

Jesus, Eternal Power!

Jesus, my Creator, have compassion on me!

Jesus, my Savior, save me!

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**



## **Kontakion 8**

Seeing God wondrously incarnate, let us shun the vain world and set our mind on things divine; for God descended to earth to raise to Heaven us who cry to Him: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

## **Ikos 8**

Being both below and above, You never faltered, O You immeasurable One, when You voluntarily suffered for us, and by Your death our death was put to death, and by Your Resurrection granted life to those who sing:

Jesus, Sweetness of the heart!

Jesus, Strength of the body!

Jesus, Purity of the soul!

Jesus, Brightness of the mind!

Jesus, Gladness of the conscience!

Jesus, Sure Hope!

Jesus, Memory Eternal!

Jesus, High Praise!

Jesus, my most exalted Glory!

Jesus, my Desire, reject me not!

Jesus, my Shepherd, recover me!

Jesus, my Savior, save me!

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**

## **Kontakion 9**

The Angelic Hosts in Heaven glorify unceasingly Your most holy Name, O Jesus, crying: Holy, Holy, Holy! But we sinners on earth, with our frail voices cry: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

### **Ikos 9**

We see most eloquent orators voiceless as fish when they must speak of You, O Jesus our Savior. For it is beyond their power to tell how You are both perfect man and immutable God at the same time. But we, marveling at this Mystery, cry faithfully:

Jesus, Eternal God!

Jesus, King of Kings!

Jesus, Lord of Lords!

Jesus, Judge of the living and the dead!

Jesus, Hope of the hopeless!

Jesus, Comforter of the mournful!

Jesus, Glory of the poor!

Jesus, condemn me not according to my deeds!

Jesus, cleanse me according to Your mercy!

Jesus, take from me despondency!

Jesus, enlighten the thoughts of my heart!

Jesus, make me ever mindful of death!

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**

## **Kontakion 10**

Wishing to save the world, O Sunrise of the East, You came to the dark Occident of our nature, and humbled Yourself even to the point of death. Therefore, Your Name is exalted above every name, and from all the tribes of earth and heaven, You hear:  
**Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

## **Ikos 10**

King Eternal, Comforter, true Christ! Cleanse us from every stain as You cleansed the Ten Lepers, and heal us as You healed the greedy soul of Zacchaeus the publican, that we may cry to You with compunction and say:

Jesus, Treasurer Incorruptible!

Jesus, Unfailing Wealth!

Jesus, Strong Food!

Jesus, Inexhaustible Drink!

Jesus, Garment of the poor!

Jesus, Defender of widows!

Jesus, Protector of orphans!

Jesus, Helper of toilers!

Jesus, Guide of pilgrims!

Jesus, Pilot of voyagers!

Jesus, Calmer of tempests!

Jesus, raise me who am fallen!

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**

## **Kontakion 11**

Most tender songs I, though unworthy, offer to You, and like the woman of Canaan, I cry to You: O Jesus, have mercy on me! For it is not my daughter, but my flesh violently possessed with passions and burning with fury. So, grant healing to me, who cry to You:  
**Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

## **Ikos 11**

Having previously persecuted You, You are the Light that enlightens those who are in the darkness of ignorance. Paul experienced the power of the voice of divine enlightenment, and understood the swiftness of the soul's conversion to God. Likewise, enlighten the dark eye of my soul, as I cry:

Jesus, my All-powerful King!

Jesus, my Almighty God!

Jesus, my Immortal Lord!

Jesus, my most glorious Creator!

Jesus, my most kind Teacher and Guide!

Jesus, my most compassionate Shepherd!

Jesus, my most gracious Master!

Jesus, my most merciful Savior!

Jesus, enlighten my senses darkened by passions!

Jesus, heal my body scabbed with sins!

Jesus, cleanse my mind from vain thoughts!

Jesus, keep my heart from evil desires!

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**

## **Kontakion 12**

Grant me Your grace, O Jesus, Absolver of all debts, and receive me who repent, as You received Peter who denied You, and call me who am downcast, as of old You called Paul who persecuted You, and hear me crying to You: **Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia!)**

## **Ikos 12**

Praising Your Incarnation, we all glorify You and, with Thomas, we believe that You are our Lord and God, sitting with the Father and coming to judge the living and the dead. Grant that I may stand on Your right hand, who now cry:

Jesus, Eternal King, have mercy on me.

Jesus, sweet scented flower, make me fragrant!

Jesus, beloved Warmth, make me warm!

Jesus, Eternal Temple, shelter me!

Jesus, Garment of Light, adorn me!

Jesus, Pearl of great price, beam on me!

Jesus, precious Stone, illumine me!

Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, shine on me!

Jesus, holy Light, make me radiant!

Jesus, deliver me from sickness of soul and body!

Jesus, rescue me from the hands of the adversary!

Jesus, save me from the unquenchable fire and  
from the other eternal torments!

**Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me!**

## **Kontakion 13**

*(To be read three times)*

O most sweet and most generous Jesus! Receive this, our humble prayer, as You received the widow's mite and keep Your faithful people from all enemies, visible and invisible, from foreign invasion, from disease and hunger, from all tribulations and mortal wounds, and deliver from future torments all who cry to You: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (People sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!)**

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