

PRAYERBOOK
OR,
ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICES
OF THE
SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN
MOLOKAN JUMPERS.

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Compiled by the Leader of the People of Zion, Maxim Gavrilovich Rudometkin,
while in Monastery Imprisonment, during the period 1855-1877.
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Including selected prayers and songs, both traditional and those from the Bible, and matters
related to church procedures.

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BIOGRAPHY OF M.G. RUDOMETKIN

The composer of this prayerbook containing Divine Services and Ceremony, Maxim Gavrilovich Rudometkin, was a peasant, farmer and a carpenter, a resident of the city Nikitino, district of Alexandropol, province of Erivan. He was born in the city Algasova, district of Morshansk, province of Tombov. From there he migrated with his parents in 1840 to the Trans-Caucasus. They abandoned the Orthodoxy when he was an eight year old child.

He was a fervent supporter of Biblical and Evangelical teaching, having steadfast faith in the Holy Spirit, the purity of the soul, and eternal life. He was especially dedicated.

Professing the Christian religion of the Jumpers and deeply persuaded in the presence of the Holy Spirit, he himself personally, under the inspiration of the Divine gifts, possessed immensely the Word of Wisdom and the power of the Spirit of Prophecy.

In the strength of the living and fervid gifts from above, he was titled by the will of the Spirit: King of Spirits and Leader of the People of Zion.

For his zealous accomplishments in matters of faith, his conviction in the soon advent of the millennial graceful Kingdom of Christ on earth, the Caucasian government counter acted with exiling him in 1858 to Solovetski Monastery, with a later transfer to Suzdalski Monastery.

Remaining without wife or children, or friends to support and comfort him, he endured extreme circumstances, languishing under cruel torture.

While in confinement, within the monastery walls, the haughty fortress and prison cell, while in solitude in underground cells, closets and guardhouses, he endured suffering to the greatest degree of human capacity, as though living in a grave.

Deprived of communication with relatives and neighbors, intimidated by the alien residents of the monastery, the clergy and military guards, all of whom like tyrants punished him and deprived him of freedom, regardless of all this he remained faithful to his pure convictions. He also paid for this with two broken ribs and two broken teeth, attacked by the jealous monks with the purpose of putting to death the shoot of purity within him.

Disregarding all this, he fearlessly denies the superficial church, loudly refuting the arbitrary attitude and tyranny of its clergy and dominating authority, with all of its established precepts and rules of the ecumenical councils, inventions of man's own wishes. He called it the woman sitting on the scarlet beast, filled with names of blasphemy, drunk with the blood of the saints and martyrs, and especially the victims and inmates of Solovetski and Suzdalski.

During this confinement in the period 1858-1877, he wrote many compositions of religious content, regarding many questions of faith, among which is also this Prayerbook. It has been printed in this edition without loss of meaning and without any deletion of words. This prayerbook is composed for the True Worshippers, the Jumpers, called the church of the woman clothed in the sun who stands upon the moon.

Here is contained prayers regarding the defeat of the beast of the abyss and his evil spirits at the war of Armageddon, and likewise of the preservation of the adherents of the Spirit of the Lord, the Jumpers, from the common season of temptation upon the entire world, with their refuge in a country of peace and quiet, under the shade of the forest of the new paradise.

The labors of his compositions are printed in the book Spirit and Life, the 1928 edition, among which are found certain prophetic passages which materialized in the great world war of 1914-1918. With a study of this book one can familiarize himself with all of this.

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PRAYERBOOK
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M.G. RUDOMETKIN
King of Spirits and Leader of Zion

I

The writer of this Divinely-inspired prayerbook and the various articles therein, was a man, by birth a resident of this world. He is called by the name Fayil Sagdan Vag, which is the Word of God Almighty, the chief conqueror of the final beast of the abyss.

And truly He is the supreme Spirit of the Bosom, that is, where the immeasurable power of all the seven heavens eternally rule. And all of Its authority is likewise to be found forever everywhere upon earth.

Thus unto It I am always a faithful servant in body and soul, and composer of all Its marvelous works and new laws and commandments following the truth. Amen, amen. Alleluia.

II

I thank the reader and listener, and all the more, the fulfiller of this new narrative of mine, which I in the Spirit composed for you, while in my great affliction. Amen.

III

The initial explanation of this Prayerbook

This is what my narrative consists of, evenly from beginning to end: Here is compiled variously titled articles on all the ages, past and present, and the significance of this secret prayerbook of the new Spirit. By way of this only the believers can be translated while alive or be resurrected from the dead. Yes. Amen.

IV

Now I give unto you, to all members of Zion alike, these songs and prayers of mine to be used in services unto God. These you must perform on the evening of each day at an assembly of the people, in the order I have compiled them. Primarily, the songs must be sung standing, while the prayers are recited aloud while kneeling. The recitation must be done through one man, that is, the Presbyter of the congregation. And if there be one refusing to fulfill this, let him leave Zion and go somewhere else.

V

Concerning the Salutation or the Brotherly Greeting

For the spiritual brotherhood, this is the same everywhere for all, no matter where it might occur - in the home or at a meeting on the road.

The first says: God lives and blessed is the Lord.

The second replies: And we are Their people in the Holy Spirit.

Here they kiss each other saying in the new tongue: Parginal Assurginal Uzgoris.

Thereupon all sing this song in unison; where all are to say:

VI
SONG

(Each line repeated twice.)

For everywhere
We are brothers and sisters
 In one accord.
 And truly therein
We have among us
The love of God
 According to the commandment
 Of our Lord Jesus Christ.
And so we always marry
With Him manifestly
 By the Spirit of His grace,
 Like a bride and groom
With the sign of the kiss
Of flaming union.
 And so we believe we will be with Him
 At the wedding lasting a thousand years.
Following this we will enter
The new, heavenly, holy
 City Jerusalem,
 For the endless abode
There with God Himself.
Amen, truly, amen.

CHURCH SERVICES

BEGINNING OF WORSHIP SERVICES

SONG 1

All standing Before Prayer
(John 4:23-24, Eph 6:18)

When the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth;
For the Father is seeking such to worship Him.
God is Spirit, and those who worship Him
Must worship in spirit and truth.
And likewise all prayers and supplications
Pray to Him at all times in the Spirit. Amen, truly, amen.

PRAYER 1
The Lord's Prayer
All Standing
(Matt 6:9-13)

Our Father in heaven, holy be Your name. May Your kingdom come. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER 2
All kneeling

O Jesus, the precious Lamb of God. You are the redeemer of the sins of the world and the Lord of all. For You are everywhere alone the Mediator unto God, Your Father and ours, for us who believe in truth.

And so we beseech you Lord, send down to all of us alike the power of Your Holy Spirit, straight from Mount Zion appearing in new fiery languages. In It we, truly all Your servants and handmaidens, will fulfill willingly all the will of God, Your Father and ours, according to Your new commandment given unto us forever by You.

And this, everywhere and personally, will mightily compel all of us to love one another in flaming love, as each loves himself. And so Your entire law and the truth of the Spirit of all Your spoken Words will be fulfilled manifestly among us. Concerning this You Yourself spoke.

And may this spiritual sacrifice of Yours be eaten by us everywhere in Your Holy Spirit, forever and always, like the flesh and blood as the sign of Your suffering. Through this we will all together resurrect and translate on the last day, and therein will never die again. For Your Holy Spirit will abide in us during our endless life. Amen, truly, amen.

SONG 2
All standing
(Rev 1:4-6)

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and was and is to come,
And from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,
And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
The firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.
To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
And made us kings and priests to God and His Father,
To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER 3

All kneeling

O Jesus, the precious Lamb of God and the Lord of all. For today, we together are all Your servants and handmaidens who in Your Spirit are the Israel of the new promise, the royal priesthood.

Now we beseech You Lord, to always see You personally, straight face to face. And may this be given to all of us alike, Your people, the members of Zion, and with it receive from You the activity of the Spirit of wisdom manifestly in every heart. And so they will clearly voice new prophecy in Your name to all the assembly, as if with one mouth in Your image.

And for this reason, we together always personally acknowledge that everywhere You Yourself walk in the Spirit among us like a shepherd among his flock of sheep and thereby eternally guard us from temptation.

Therefore, we rely upon You our mediator and therein believe that You alone hold the authority of the key to the grave and death; and using it You resurrect and transform the body and soul of us all.

And likewise Your Holy Spirit always joyfully heralds unto us Your imminent advent upon the earth, and therein to gather all of us the living at one place, at the camp of the saints and the beloved city for a thousand years. Amen, truly, amen.

SONG 3
All standing
(Rev 5:9-10, 13)

You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals;
For You were sacrificed and have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and language and people and nation,
And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we will reign on the earth.
And I heard saying: Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER 4
All kneeling

O Jesus, the precious Lamb of God and the Lord of all. For You alone are worthy to resolve the seals of the mysteries of God, which Your heavenly book narrates to us concerning.
Therein we beseech You Lord, reveal unto us, all of Your final wonders found in it, which You received from God, Your Father and ours, directly from His hands personally.

And we therein perceive that upon the removal of all its seals there will appear the final mystery of God, which has been everywhere prophesied by the prophets of the ages. You sent them to announce the destruction of all Your enemies, and the reward of those worthy of You, who are eternally being slain for Your name and the Word of the Spirit of prophecy.

Therein they were always persuaded that after their resurrection from the dead they will reign with You upon Mount Zion a thousand years. And so we also, all of Your chosen people, will be numbered with them in You eternally immortal sanctuary. Amen.

SONG 4
All standing
(Rev 7:9-10, 12)

After these things I looked, and behold,
A great multitude of people, which no one could number,
Of all nations, tribes, peoples, and languages,
Standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
Clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,
And crying out with a loud voice, saying,
Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.
Blessing and glory and wisdom and praise,
And honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER 5

All kneeling

O Jesus, the precious Lamb of God and the Lord of all. For You alone are everywhere the Redeemer and Arbitrator for Your people, of every sin and iniquity, and the Leader of all those whom You Yourself predestined from the foundation of the world to be united with You eternally.

And therein You gave them to know You by the Word of wisdom and by the perception of all your miracles, which You Yourself always perform everywhere with Your Holy Spirit personally in Your servants and handmaidens.

This is why all of us, Your chosen people, called from all nations alike, are led into Your flock for eternity. And so we today truly depend on none other but You for deliverance and salvation from all our sins.

Therefore we beseech You Lord, wash them from us with the blood of Your love; and therein clothe us in the white robes of Your light personally with palms in our hands, in the manner of Your countless multitude. And then place us around the Throne in the service of God, Your Father and ours. And may He wipe away every tear from our eyes Himself, manifestly during our life upon the earth.

From this we will all be sweetly comforted like lambs in the meadow of Surmagdan. There You will freely give us Lord, Your spiritual Kingdom in peace for a thousand years, and the water of Your living fountains to quench those thirsty for blessing. Amen.

SONG 5
All standing
(Rev 10:1-7)

And I saw still another mighty angel descending from heaven,
Clothed with a cloud; and a rainbow was on his head,
His face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.
And He had a little book open in his hand.
And He set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,
And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars.
And when He cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.
Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write;
But I heard a voice from heaven saying to me,
Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.
And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land
Lifted up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever,
Who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it,
And the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,

But in the days of the sound of the seventh angel, when he is about to trumpet,
The mystery of God will be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets. Amen.

PRAYER 6

All kneeling

O Jesus, the precious Lamb of God, and the Lord of all. For everywhere You are the Head of all God's creation and the Brother of all who suffer for Your Name. And because of this we together and boldly hasten in Your Spirit, straight unto You personally like children of the same father.

And therein we beseech You as our Guarantor, preserve us Lord, all these adherents of Your alike, peacefully from this worldwide temptation everywhere, in every place, like Your Own begotten family. And the beast of the abyss annihilate from the face of the earth.

For very soon he will arise from the water personally, with the authority of his father satan. And he will appear unto all as exceeding fierce, and as the deceiver of all the nations of this world.

And even Your two prophets will be killed because of this. And this is why today he secretly everywhere wears a name with the number 666, under the sign of the seven heads and ten horns.

O, woe unto the world because of him, but we depend upon Your mercy. For we believe You Yourself will defeat him in battle in Your final days of the common season.

At that time You will deliver us, Your people, from them. And so likewise You will enthrone all those living on earth for Your millennial holy Sabbath. Amen.

SONG 6

All standing

(Rev 11:17-18, 12:10)

We give You thanks, Lord God Almighty, who is and was and is to come,
Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come,
And the time of the dead, that they should be judged,

And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints,

And those who fear Your name, small and great,
And should destroy those who destroy the earth.
Now the salvation and might and the Kingdom of our God
And the power of His Christ has arisen. Amen.

PRAYER 7
All kneeling

O Jesus, the precious Lamb of God and the Lord of all. For You are always personally responsible for all those who suffer for You. All of them everywhere, for the sake of Your holy Name, loved not their own soul even unto death.

And presently Lord, the King of kings, in Your authority everywhere is found the faith and the patience of the saints. Concerning this we beseech You Lord, in this new-promised Spirit:

Lead all of us away Lord, from the threats of this final fierce beast, the antichrist, and the malicious era of his spirit, straight to the place of refuge in the shade of the forest of the new Paradise, just as in the past You led Your wife clothed in the sun, away from the ancient serpent and devil at the time of the ecumenical councils.

And may her begotten son mature there among us, manifestly in person with us. And who in his mighty courage will smite all the nations like clay pots.

And therein we Your people, all alive together with him, will receive Your new earthly Kingdom from You for a thousand years.

While all the holy dead will be the first to resurrect personally before us at that time, and all will reign with You in Your celestial, most holy Zion. Amen.

SONG 7
All standing
(Rev 14:7)

Fear God and give glory to Him,
For the hour of His judgment has come;
And worship Him who made heaven and earth,
And the sea and springs of water. Amen.

PRAYER 8
All kneeling
(Rev 15:3-4)

Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who will not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your Name? For You alone are holy. For all nations will come and worship before You, for Your judgments are all unveiled.

And therein we, all Your people, always glorify You Lord, with all our hearts in this prayer. Amen.

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The Crown of Love of the New Wedding

And now you must all sing this final, triumphant song, during which it is proper for all of you alike everywhere, to perform personally the brotherly-prophetic, community, holy flaming love, both sexes alike, with a firm kiss.

It is a sign - the likeness of the Marriage of the Lamb and His wife clothed in the sun - for the honor and glory of the new wedding. Amen. Truly.

SONG 8
All standing
(Rev 19:5-9)

Voices to be in a high key;
Two choirs of both sexes together.

Then a voice came from the throne, saying,
Praise our God, all you His servants
And those who fear Him, both small and great!
And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude,
As the sound of many waters
And as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!
Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory,
For the marriage of the Lamb has come,
And His wife has made herself ready.
And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright,
For the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.
Then he said to me, Write:
Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!
And he said to me, These are the true sayings of God.
This is why everywhere we are all wedded
Like a groom with his bride;
And therein kiss each other in the holy flaming love
Unto the glory of the Lamb. Yes. Amen, Alleluia.

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The Unifying Wedding of Love, which will always be as a sign unto you.

And this is why everywhere, upon leaving the assembly, all of you must sing together the royal battle song of victory, in a new key, personally with the dancing of both sexes as a sign of the march to the field of Armageddon, all marching alike along the street of the city to the battle, right up to the very house of each Presbyter of yours. For the honor and glory of the Lamb, the King of kings, and me His anointed one. Amen.

SONG 9

The Voice of Victory and Triumph
(Rev 19:11-16)

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth proceeds a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

And for this be praise unto the Victor, our Lamb, and His anointed Ulesar. Amen, amen, Alleluia.

Then also sing this new song of mine, every day together, in honor of Your King and mine.
Yes, Amen.

SONG 10

O King of kings and Lord of lords.
For You Yourself have sat upon me
As upon Your heavenly white steed,
Fully arrayed eternally in Your gold.
And You ride upon me at full gallop,
From the rise of the sun and to the west.
And You steer me with reins of heavenly gold.
And You are all clothed in pure and shining gold;
And the locks of Your hair are as threads of cut gold.
And Your stride is as a giant's, soaring through the air.
And that is why we have no other king or warrior
Besides You the Word of God.
And therein You will Yourself defeat at Armageddon
The seven-headed beast, and his false-prophet,
And their ten kings along with the both of them.
And Your sword, yes it will pierce all their warriors;
And so they will all shatter like clay pots before me.
And whom at this time You will feed
To all the birds of heaven, everywhere.
While those nations that remain alive
You will scatter completely to the corners of the four continents.
And among them You will personally
Bind and lock in prison the devil and satan himself.

And You will establish me, Your anointed one, in Your place
As king upon earth for a full thousand years.
And likewise You will also enthrone all of my people after me.
But the enemies of my Spirit during these days
Will be consumed in the fire alive.
And so every offspring of evil will be totally destroyed by Me,
As it occurred in the days of the righteous Noah and Lot. Amen.

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And thereafter all of you go to your homes, and bid farewell one to the other, both sexes together with a bow to the ground. And at home do as you wish. For the Spirit of God will everywhere act with you in all matters. And so take heed not to oppose Him, for His creation is in you everywhere. For there will be none other God for you, except His true Spirit and your activity in It. Amen.

WEDDING SERVICES

REGARDING ZION'S WEDDINGS

Weddings in Zion will marry a couple just as Boaz and Ruth were married before a gathering of the elders in Israel, Ruth 4:11-13; or as Tobias and Sarah were married in the presence of father and mother and the Angel Rafael, Tobit 7:12. So will it be with us in new Israel.

THE WEDDING CEREMONY

When the groom proposes to his bride, they must both appear at a gathering of the spiritual brotherhood. There it is proper for them to announce their desire to enter into a legitimate marriage, and then to say these words with all the people listening:

Brothers and sisters! We declare unto you our desire for you to marry us in the love of a legitimate marriage, according to our mutual will and the consent of our parents, in the same manner that our progenitors Adam and Eve were married in Paradise before God. Amen.

Then the Presbyter of the wedding must say to them in reply:

Let it be according to your love. God is the witness and we are witnesses between you. May God place love and peace in your hearts throughout all of your life. Amen.

Then it is proper to pray to God while kneeling, and to ask of God a blessing with the laying-on of the hands of those, of both sexes, active [prophetically]. Then a feast should be prepared called the prophetic offering.

After this, the parents of the newly-engaged must make an agreement in regard [to the wedding dowry], and designate the day of the wedding, that is, a public announcement on behalf of their children. And when all is ready for the wedding then a feast should be prepared in the home of the father of the bride, called the "evening supper". There it is proper to gather people - men and women - fellow-believers and relatives, and to pray kneeling.

At the end of the meal a manager of the joyous couple - a bestman - and a bridesmaid (droozhok and svashka), will be designated with the agreement of both sides. On the designated day, people are to be invited to the house of the groom to pray to God. The parents must give their son, [the groom,] their verbal parental blessing with the laying-on of their hands upon the son, saying:

May God in heaven prosper you, and may He send His guardian Angel upon your path, and may the blessing of God descend upon your head, and may our parental blessing abide with you throughout all your life. Amen.

After the blessing [of the groom] they must go to the house of the bride singing the 23rd Psalm along the way. When all arrive at the house of the bride, then place the bride facing the groom. Together they must kneel and ask for the consummation of the marriage ceremony.

Services held in American have been adapted to also include the following:

On the day of the wedding, the groom is blessed by his parents in their home and then travels with the bestman and bridesmaid (droozhok and svashka) to the house of the bride. There the bride is already dressed, having completed the prayer and a blessing by her parents, and awaits her groom. When the bestman and bridesmaid (droozhok and svashka) arrive with the groom for the bride at the home of her parents, the bestman will recite a prayer. The bride's parents will greet them with the Holy Kiss. After this the bestman will recite the following, "Peace be unto this house."

The parents of the bride will reply, "Peace be unto your arrival."

Bestman will say, "We have been sent by the parents of the groom (recite groom's name) to receive the bride. Is she ready?" The parents answer in a positive response and will give the bride to the bridesmaid.

After this the bestman will invite the parents of the bride, all the relatives, and all those present, to the wedding with following words,

"On behalf of (names of groom's parents) we invite all of you to come with us to this joyous occasion to be held at (name of church). We graciously ask that you all attend."

At the entrance to the church, the bride and groom and their company are greeted by the parents of the groom with bread and salt. The parents of the groom greet the bride with the following words,

"Greetings, daughter of ours. Blessed is God who brought you unto us. Blessed are you and blessed are your father and your mother." (Tobit 11:17)

After these words, the parents of the groom greet the bride first and then her family with a Holy Kiss; and then invite all the relatives of the bride into the church where the wedding will be held according to the established ceremony.

(From the Publisher.)

The ceremony should begin with a prayer with the entire gathering of fellow-believers present kneeling. At the end of the prayer, the parents of the bride must take their daughter's hand and place it in the hand of the groom, saying:

Behold, we give our daughter unto you as wife, after the blessing of God. Take her to the house of your father and may the blessing of God and our parental [blessing] descend upon you. Amen.

Then the newlyweds must bow to God and give thanks to their parents. Here it is proper to place them side by side: the bride at the right of her groom. Now the Presbyter must instruct the newlyweds with Words from the Holy Scriptures:

And there came unto Him Pharisees, tempting Him, saying... Matt 19:3-10.

Giving thanks always unto God and the Father for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ... Ephesians 5:20-33.

Because today the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth... Malachi 2:14-16.

A virtuous woman is a crown for her husband... Proverbs of Solomon 12:4, 14:1, 31:10-12.

Above all, you must have within yourself a fear of God. You must love one another and observe the commandments of the Lord in holiness and fulfill the will of the Omnipotent in all fullness and integrity. Conduct yourselves honorably and without blemish all days of your life, and be performers of His law. Amen.

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Then the newlyweds must accept for their absolute fulfillment all the instruction they have been given, and declare this aloud to the entire gathering:

We have heard in its full meaning all that has been read and explained to us. And we accept as a complete necessity and a sacred obligation to fulfill it in detail and in reverence, without violation and with a clean conscience.

To the glory of God and all of our Spiritual Brotherhood, we will not violate the marital vows we make, and will have respect for our parents.

We will abide steadfastly for all the days of our life in all that the Lord God aids us in soul and body. Amen.

Then you must scarf the head of the bride and wife. And during the placing of the scarf, the singers must sing Isaiah 61:9-11.

SONG 11

Their descendants will be known among the nations,
 And their posterity among the people.
 All who see them will acknowledge
 That they are the family which the Lord has blessed.
 In joy will I greatly rejoice in the Lord.

My soul will be joyful in my God;
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
As upon a bridegroom He has placed a crown,
And as a bride He has adorned me with ornaments.
For as the earth produces its growth,
And as the garden sprouts what is sown in it,
So the Lord God will have righteousness
And praise to appear before all the nations.

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Then the bestman (droozhok) and bridesmaid (svashka) will lead out the newly-scarfed bride and the one now called her husband, both together, before the Presbyter of the wedding. Here he must read to them the 21st Psalm, verses 1 through 8.

Then the singers must sing in a loud voice the festive song of the consummation of the wedding, saying:

SONG 12

Sing a new song, daughters of Zion.
Come and behold the decor upon the son of Zion
In his crown, with which his mother did crown him
On the day of his marriage and on the day of the gladness of his heart.
All of you, celebrate together with them with the voice of joy,
And tell her: Rejoice also, daughter of Zion, will all your heart,
And be joyous newly-wedded one,
For God has covered all of your sin,
And you will no more see evil ever again. Amen.

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Then, following the example of the wedding of Tobias and Sarah his wife in the home of his father-in-law Raguel, and in the presence of the great Archangel Rafael, the newly-weds are to be seated at table.

And the father-in-law and mother-in-law, as a token of their own blessing, will reward the newly-weds with small gifts (tablecloth and tableware) to both the same amount, with bread and salt, and will tell them of their good wishes as it is written in Tobit 8:15-17.

Blessed are You, O God, with all pure and holy blessing. And may all Your saints and all of Your creatures bless You, and may all of Your Angels and Your elect bless You forever.

Blessed are You for dealing with us according to Your great mercy. Blessed are You for having mercy on two who are the only children of their parents. Grant them mercy Sovereign. Let them complete their lives in health and with joy and mercy.

Parting words from the parents of the bride:

And you, our children, accept these good wishes of ours and return prosperously to your parents. And the Lord God will help you in soul and body in all matters.

And you, our daughter, honor your in-laws, who are now your parents. Let us hear a good report about you.

And you, our beloved son given of God, may the heavenly God establish you and give us to see children from our daughter, so that we may rejoice before the Lord. Thus we give our daughter over to your safekeeping: do nothing to grieve her.

Then they are to go to the house of the groom, singing the 45th Psalm along the way. And when they have entered their home, the parents [of the groom] must here bless them in this manner:

May our children be blessed by God On-high, and may the Lord bless you with a heavenly blessing from above. And may the Lord God increase your seed to be like the heavenly stars in multitude, and may your name inherit the cities of the enemies. And may the Lord give you this good promised land as an eternal inheritance.

And those present at this wedding must say, "Amen". Then it is proper that they read the book of Sirach 3:1-12. Thereafter the wedding will continue in joy and gladness as long as the fathers so desire, as it pleases them. Amen.

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SONG 13

We sing praise unto God,
Honoring the newly-wedded.

Chorus: We are all in joy

We teach the newly-wedded,
To confide love in their hearts

The Lord God Himself said,
 In the Scriptures it is written.
In Matthew it is written,
 And in Mark it is repeated.
The Apostles explained it all,
 And proclaimed holy love.
They remind us of Abraham,
 How Sarah was obedient to him.
Sarah honored him,
 Calling him lord.
Newly-wedded groom,
 Look upon the both of them.
Newly-wedded wife,
 Be obedient to your husband.
You are not his slave,
 Of his rib were you made.
Both of you live faithfully in love,
 That the wedding bed be not defiled.
Do also pray and fast,
 That your body be clean.
So did the Lord say to us,
 Commanding us to be observant.
This command for the newly-wedded,
 Does not evade us either.
To God be the glory and dominion,
 For ever and ever. Amen.

<p style="text-align: center;">SERVICES CONCERNING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW-BORN CHILDREN</p>

Children which will be born among the new people, that is, in the chosen generation.

When a married woman gives birth to a child, the midwife must take him in her hands and bathe him with living water, meaning, unboiled water, and wrap him firmly in clean linen.

Then it is proper that he be brought to his father's house and the presbyter and other relatives be called, for the cleansing of the newly-born infant with the prayers of the presbyter kneeling, and with the laying-on of hands of the presbyter upon the head of the infant. And he will be given a name according to the will of his parents, as it pleases them.

Then the presbyter must read over him the 113th Psalm along with a prayer of blessing. And the head of the infant must be in the shade of the presbyter's hand, just as the Lord Himself laid His hands upon the children: Matt 19:14-15. In this manner must the presbyter fulfill it, reciting these words:

I bless you in the name of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit. May the gift of the Holy Spirit abide upon you, Which will guide you all the days of your life.

Then the presbyter should blow three times upon the child with the breath of his lips, and kiss him with ardent love and say, "Amen".

Then the singers must sing a new song concerning the child.

SONG 14
Concerning the New Born

Rejoice and be glad, O new born infant,
For you have been sealed by the seal of the blessing of the living God,
And have become a member of Mount Zion.
And you who gave him [her] birth, rejoice and be glad,
For the grace of God has come upon you.
Amen, Alleluia.

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Then the woman who has delivered, after the days of her purification, must come with her son or daughter to a gathering of the people at the new tabernacle, to the front of the altar with an offering of gifts for her cleansing, with as much as she is able.

The presbyter must pray to God on her behalf and she will be clean. Read Leviticus 12:6, and the Gospel of Luke 2:22.

SONG 15

And now may our church of the new promise blossom always among my chosen people, like a lily of the valley among the thorns, like an apple tree among the trees of the forest, and like a groom upon the bosom of his newly-wedded bride, or like a king adorned on the day of his glory, returning with peace after the victory over his enemies, and met by young girls with tambourines and singing and dancing in his honor. Amen.

FUNERAL SERVICES

(See appendix for additional procedures during the funeral)

CONCERNING THE SICK

If any person among you should become seriously ill, he should call the presbyter and recite his sins to him, in a proper manner.

Then the presbyter must read the confessional prayer to him, which the ill person must recite after him. The context of the prayer:

PRAYER 9

Concerning the confession of the sick

I believe in my Lord God and the God of my fathers. I believe that You are the Omnipotent God and give life unto all the living. I believe that life and death are in Your right hand.

I beseech You Lord, restore me to my former health; remember me, and hear me as You heard Hezekiah in his illness.

If my time has come and if I must die, then let my death reconcile me to You, and cleanse me of those sins committed by me --whether with or without my cognizance-- from my youth until this very moment.

I also beseech You Lord, that I inherit Paradise and eternal bliss, which have been prepared for the righteous; and that I may be considered worthy enough to see Your radiant face.

Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, Who is considerate towards our prayers. Amen.

Then it is proper that the sick person be blessed by the hands of his parents (or relatives) and the presbyter for his eternal life. Amen.

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THE BURIAL OF THE DECEASED

And now I give unto you, to all the members alike, my new verbal laments in these services, and along with them I have personally inserted all the spiritual songs and prayers concerning the deceased, according to the good will of the Spirit of my God, and the counsel of the will of His activity in me.

And truly, using them you must always fulfill your obligation as it follows here in order, with every deceased person alike: to mourn for him [her] at home until he [she] be buried in the earth.

Here is the first composition, a song for a deceased person of male gender, from an elder to a fifteen-year old boy alike. May it eternally be the same for all as an intercession for him on the journey to that other age. With it he must appear straight before the throne of God Almighty, and there personally give it into His hands. Amen.

SONG 16
All sing in lamentation
FOR A BROTHER

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning my brother.

Forgive him all of his sins
Which he has committed from his youth
And unto his grave, by way of our supplication.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
Accept him in Your presence personally,
For in all he was holy and unblemished before You;
Truly a man of Your own creation.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
Discredit him not for them
In the presence of all Your saints,
For the creation is ever Yours,
And born of an honorable marriage.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
Resurrect him in that selfsame soul and body
At the first and holy resurrection,
For eternally You have love for mankind.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
There gift him eternal rest and a place with the saints
In Your radiant, sweet Paradise,
And in the cool of the shade of the tree of life.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
Open Yourself for him the gates of the city,
The celestial new Jerusalem,
With the light of the voice of Your greeting.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
Lead him into it with Your hand personally,

Like a guest of Your world from a distant land,
With the kiss of Your fatherly love.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;

There seat him with glory in Your chamber,
As a son of the eternal heritage of Your throne,
Straight at the wedding of the Lamb.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;

There host him with food - the fruit of the tree of life,
And water from the fountain of eternal life to drink,
And with manna - the hidden bread.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;

There clothe him in a suit of the fabric of heavenly radiance,
Made with the many colors of the emerald,
And with a new name.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;

There give him a new place to sit
Near all the thrones of Your heavenly hosts,
Where he will delight himself forever with them
In festive songs in Your honor,
With the dancing of his hands.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;

There let him eternally render unto You alone honor and glory,
Just as Your angels always render unto You new songs
In Your all-praiseworthy bosom.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;

Remember Your comforting Words of Your Spirit,
Which say regarding this,
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,

Yes, says the Spirit, let them rest from their labors,

For their works follow after them. Amen.

Now here is a song for a woman: from an elder to a thirteen year old girl. With it she must appear directly before the face of God, as with a gift of the journey to this other age, and as a pledge of her intercession to reach the hands of the Almighty.

SONG 17
All sing in lamentation
FOR A SISTER

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning my sister,
 Forgive her all of her sins
 Which she has committed from her youth
 And unto her grave, by way of our supplication.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 Accept her in Your presence personally,
 For in all she was holy and unblemished before You;
 Truly a woman of Your own creation.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 Discredit her not for them
 In the presence of all Your saints,
 For her creation is ever Yours,
 And born of an honorable marriage.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 Resurrect her in that selfsame soul and body
 At the first and holy resurrection,
 For eternally You have love for mankind.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 There gift her eternal rest and a place with the saints
 In Your radiant, sweet Paradise,
 And in the cool of the shade of the tree of life.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
Open Yourself for her the gates of the city,
The celestial new Jerusalem,
With the light of the voice of Your greeting.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
Lead her into it with Your hand personally,
Like a guest of Your world from a distant land,
With the kiss of Your fatherly love.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
There seat her with glory in Your chamber,
As a daughter of the eternal heritage of Your throne,
Straight at the wedding of the Lamb.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
There host her with food - the fruit of the tree of life,
And water from the fountain of eternal life to drink,
And with manna - the hidden bread.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
There clothe her in a suit of the fabric of heavenly radiance,
Made with the many colors of the emerald,
And with a new name.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
There give her a new place to sit
Near all the thrones of Your heavenly hosts,
Where she will delight herself forever with them
In festive songs in Your honor,
With the dancing of her hands.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
There let her eternally render unto You alone honor and glory,
Just as Your angels always render unto You new songs
In Your all-praiseworthy bosom.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 Remember Your comforting Words of Your Spirit,
 Which say concerning this,
 Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,
 Yes, says the Spirit, let them rest from their labors,
 For their works follow after them. Amen.

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Now here is a song for the young innocent children of the male gender, into whose hands it will be given personally as a token of the journey to that other age. And with it he must appear straight before the face of God Almighty. Amen.

SONG 18
 All sing in lamentation
 FOR A SON

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning my son.
 Remind him not of our sins,
 Which we through our ignorance brought upon him,
 Due to which he no long lives upon earth, but has died.
 Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 Receive him unto Yourself personally,
 Unto the number of all your saints,
 Your eternally innocent children murdered by Herod.
 Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 There discredit him not for all of our faults,
 Which we his parents passed on to him unwisely at his conception.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 Resurrect him Yourself personally,
 In this selfsame chaste soul and body,
 For his creation is ever Yours.
 And born in the holiness of marriage.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 There gift him eternal rest
 In Your abode completely imperishable,
 For You Yourself have always loved mankind.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 Open Yourself the gates of the radiant Paradise for him,
 In the presence of Your kind heart,
 Like a father having eternal love for his child.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 Lead him Yourself personally straight into it,
 As a beloved guest on a journey unto Your bosom;
 And cover him there with a cloud of the illustrious heaven.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 There seat him visible in Your own presence,
 Straight in Your chamber forever illuminated
 By the glory of Your incomprehensible light.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 There host him Yourself personally with food,
 The fruit of the tree of life growing in Paradise,
 And with water from the eternally crystal fountain of life to drink,
 And with manna, the hidden bread, as at Your feast.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 There clothe him according to Your will,
 In heavenly decor like unto the many colors
 Reflected in the carnelian,
 And with the inscription of a new name.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 There give him a new place to sit
 Together with the faces of the hosts of Your thrones,
 Where he will delight himself forever with them
 In festive songs in Your honor,
 With the dancing and waving of his hands.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 There let him personally and always voice
 Your immeasurable authority and glory
 Among all Your angels and archangels,
 As in the beauty of their eternal friendship.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning him;
 Grant him there Yourself personally in a fatherly manner
 To always rejoice and take delight
 In Your great and splendid, holy discourses,
 For the honor and glory of Your throne
 higher than all the heavens.

He is worthy of the beauty of his virginity,
 And the Kingdom, the government of Your celestial world.
 Amen, Alleluia.

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Now here is a song for the young innocent children of the female gender, into whose hands it will be given personally as a token of the journey to that other age. And with it she must appear straight before the face of God seated upon the throne of His glory. Amen.

SONG 19
All sing in lamentation
FOR A DAUGHTER

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning my daughter;
Remind her not of our sins,
Which we through our ignorance brought upon her,
Due to which she no long lives upon earth, but has died.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
Receive her unto Yourself personally,
Unto the number of all your saints,
Your eternally innocent children
destined as martyrs for Your sake.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
There discredit her not for all of our faults,
Which we her parents passed onto her unwisely at her conception.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
Resurrect her Yourself personally,
In this selfsame chaste soul and body,
For her creation is ever Yours.
And born in the holiness of marriage.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
There gift her eternal rest
In Your abode completely imperishable,
For You Yourself have always loved mankind.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
Open the gates of the radiant Paradise for her,
In the presence of Your kind heart,
As a father showing love towards his child.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 Lead her Yourself personally, straight into Paradise,
 As a beloved guest on a journey unto Your bosom;
 And cover her there with a cloud of the illustrious heaven.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 There seat her visibly in Your own presence,
 Straight in Your chamber forever illuminated
 By the glory of Your incomprehensible light.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 There host her Yourself personally with food,
 The fruit of the tree of life growing in Paradise,
 And with water from the eternally crystal fountain of life to drink,
 And with manna - the hidden bread - as at Your feast.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 There clothe her Yourself according to Your will,
 In heavenly decor like unto the many colors
 Reflected in the carnelian,
 And with the inscription of a new name.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 There give her a new place to sit
 Together with the faces of the hosts of Your thrones,
 Where she will delight herself forever with them
 In festive songs in Your honor,
 With the dancing and waving of her hands.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 There let her personally and always voice
 Your immeasurable authority and glory
 In the midst of all Your angels and archangels,
 As in the beauty of their eternal friendship.

Benevolent Creator! I cry unto you concerning her;
 Grant her there Yourself personally in a fatherly manner,
 To always rejoice and take delight
 In Your great and splendid, holy discourses,
 For the honor and glory of Your throne
 Which is higher than all the heavens.
 She is worthy of the beauty of her virginity,
 And the Kingdom, the government of Your celestial world. Amen, Alleluia.

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Now place the deceased into a coffin as is proper, and carry him with a song of lamentation. All accompany it straight to the gates of the cemetery, both men and women together. The same is to be done always with each who dies. Amen.¹

SONG 20
 Song of Lamentation

O King, the Almighty God!
 O Creator of mercy from the beginning of time.
 O inexpressible Maker of the soul and body of us all!
 Have pity upon this creation of Yours,
 For in this manner was it made by You for this age.
 Of this we remember that You Yourself at first in the beginning
 Did create the human in Your image, a husband and wife,
 And therein gave them both a name, Adam and Eve.
 And to them You then gave Your holy, eternally indisputable commandment,
 Which neither of them were able to faithfully observe.

1. The prayer, The Lord is my Shepherd, Psalm 23, is traditional recited at this time.

And for this You committed the body of them both unto death and unto the earth to decay.
 And their souls You cast into the dust of the eternal grave for a long time,
 Where they continually and persistently cried straight unto You, their Creator.
 Inasmuch as You Yourself are their God,
 And everywhere are the Benefactor of all mercy,
 Even after many centuries You sent them a deliverer,
 Your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
 He by way of Your omnipotent authority,
 Resolved the fate of both, and so gave them both eternal freedom.
 Likewise, with them and after them,
 You personally led many straight from the grave into Paradise.
 O God of our fathers and the Benefactor of mercy!
 For we also, today and everywhere, quite often
 Transgress all of Your holy, new commandments.
 Concerning this we ask of You Creator, the God of all,
 Show Your mercy quickly and soon,
 Also through Your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 To resurrect all of our deceased relatives
 Who always rest in the Spirit of the Lord.
 And grant us, together those who are alive,
 That we may meet with them for eternity,
 Appropriately friend with friend and face to face. Amen.²

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2. The prayer, He who dwells under the shelter, Psalm 91, is traditional recited here.

Then also sing at the cemetery for the deceased a lamentation regarding his funeral; likewise all together, men and women, all of you from the small and unto the great. For this song will be an eternal sign for him (her) and for you. Amen.

SONG 21

Remember this, you the deceased, that out of the earth you were taken,
 And again unto the earth you now return.
 And your time is there in it until the judgment of the new resurrection;
 And what meanwhile occurs we cannot desire for you.³
 And you the soul granted unto him, together with your Spirit,
 From his body return to your own bosom.
 And remain there with it as a chaste bride with her groom,
 Until the Sovereign calls for you personally unto the judgment.
 And for this He will give you your recompense,
 And will enliven your body a second time,
 Now ever lying in the dust of the earth.
 And you will arise from it as a youth together with your own body,
 And therein will eternally be gracious and holy.
 And likewise with us the living, you will again reign upon earth,
 Now a full thousand years. Amen.

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Now all those present will lower the body of the deceased reverently straight into the grave, and quickly cover it with that selfsame earth until completely done, for he is a creation of God.

Now heed this and all remember that every holy body is ever the work of God. This why every Israelite of the new promise must be buried together in the earth, for they are one generation in the Spirit.

3. Referring to the decay of the body in the grave.

Consider the example of Abraham and Sarah his wife, as well as all their posterity that followed them. After death all of them were buried together, just as they were commanded.

But the unbelievers and the sinners will be [buried] somewhere else. Amen.

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And now, after the burial of the deceased, everyone must bow to the ground again to the deceased, and recite these words to him:

Farewell you, our migrator to that other age, and therein await us until we also arrive there. For we are everywhere created of the same perishable material; and the spirit, structure, movement, soul and body, are identical for all. Amen.⁴

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And then, all go from the cemetery straight to the house of the deceased, everyone alike. And along the entire way to his house, sing of him this song of salvation, which I hereby appoint for you in truth by the Spirit of intercession of my God, in a proper manner. Amen.

SONG 22 Song of Salvation

O Holy Sovereign, our Father,
In truth God omnipotent,
Eternally seated upon the throne of Your glory;
For You are alone the Creator of all the heavens,
And the earth is the work of Your hands.

4. The singing of Arise O soul, arise, (Songbook 14) is traditionally sung at this time.

Everywhere Yourself You can
 Today and always, enliven all the dead;
 You can lower them and raise them,
 From the grave and into Paradise,
 Through Your beloved Son,
 Our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Concerning this we, all of us together living upon the earth,
 Ask of Him as our faithful Mediator,
 To soon receive from You the authority, the keys to the grave and death,
 And thereby open his coffin, which we have covered.
 And by Your authority as Father, this deceased one among us
 Will himself rise from the earth in his three or four days,
 As once did the dead Lazarus rise.
 O Jesus our Lord,
 Perform today such a miracle among us,
 Either visibly or invisibly.
 And therein may Your all-praiseworthy name be glorified
 Both in heaven and on earth, among the Angels and with men,
 And especially among us, Your servants and handmaidens.
 For everywhere we are your people,
 Chosen eternally by You.
 And therein we all expect soon Your salvation among us,
 And the beginning of the Kingdom of Your peace,
 With all of us together upon the good land for a thousand years,
 And the time of resurrection of all who long since died
 For Your holy name,
 Which You revealed unto them from heaven Yourself. Amen.

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Then when you all enter the house of the deceased, above all pray on his behalf to the God of life
 and resurrection of all the dead, all together in deep mourning. For thereby his house will be
 sanctified, and this will comfort all those remaining alive there, as much as is reasonable.

PRAYER 10
Prayer of Consecration and Comfort

O Jesus, the precious Lamb of God. You are the redeemer of the sins of the world and the Lord of all of us the elect. For everywhere You are alone Intercessor for the love of those crying out unto You in truth.

Here we entreat You Lord, that You quickly comfort all of us alike who weep for the deceased one migrating to that other age. And therein You will give us to clearly understand the power of his resurrection from the dead, and the plan of his entrance into Paradise from the grave, and thereupon becoming the eternally living man, in the same manner as You Yourself once departed personally out of it alive. And thereby You eternally destroyed all the gates of the grave and liberated the prisoners in it, therewith shaming the authority of the devil with Your boldness.

Then you therein established for all of us living together upon earth, Your new heaven and a just judgment unto salvation, the new path for all the earth.

This is why we believe in You, our Lord, because You will soon in our presence Yourself resurrect all those who died in the Spirit. Yes, amen, truly, amen.

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And now I again ask all of you to pray and fast for the deceased after his funeral for all of three days. During them you must make a dinner worthy of him (her) every evening, each bringing of his own possessions, everyone according to his means.

Here let each one heed, do this well and willingly, for it is true that through such community prayers and fasts with offerings, God the Father is generous towards all the dead. And likewise therein all the living will receive salvation for it.

Consider the Scriptures of Sirach which say, Prohibit not grace for the living and the dead. The Apostle also said, Just as Jesus died and was raised, so will God bring those who die in Jesus with Him. (1 Thess 4:14)

Also remember the fast of King David for Saul and his son Jonathan, as well as that of Judas Maccabees for the sins of his men who personally fell before him in battle. And for this truly you will all become holy and gracious. Amen.

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This song on the day of the dinner is for all the deceased alike, as a memorial to them once a year, and also once at the funeral. But it is only for those who died personally in the faith of the Spirit of truth.

And for this reason each one living according to such a faith must always remember them in this song every year. For you yourself should endeavor by way of it to migrate there near them for eternity, for you are but earth and ashes. Amen.

SONG 23

On the day of the dinner

O precious Jesus, our Intercessor.

Remember all of our deceased relatives together [and this deceased one],

During those days before God, Your Father and ours, in His Kingdom.

And give them therein eternal consolation.

For it is a blessed generation and they are Your inheritance.
And we also are born of them for You in the world.
And that is why we, all their living relatives alike,
Make this request of You Lord, in deep mourning,
As our all-generous Redeemer,
Who is Jesus, the Lamb of God.
You are always sitting upon the throne in the glory of the Father,
And are everywhere sending to us, Your servants and handmaidens,
The power of the Holy Spirit.
And therein we boldly approach directly to You,
Bowing to the ground, and therein believe that You Yourself
Will rescue all of our dead from the torment of the grave.
And may these Words of Your Spirit be quickly fulfilled upon them,
As He foretold concerning this, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.
Yes, says the Spirit, let them rest from their labors,
For their works follow them and lead them to their place.
And let Your words be true unto our spirit. Amen. Alleluia.

SELECTED PRAYERS AND SONGS
OF M. G. RUDOMETKIN

SONG 24

I am a true descendant of the ancient world,
 Of the people blessed of God, the generation chosen unto Him.
 I am the God of the faith of Noah and his wife Gomera.
 I am the God of the faith of Abraham and his wives Sarah and Hagar.
 I am the faith of the God of the Hebrews and the God of the Tatars.
 I am the faith of the God of the prophets and the God of the Angels.
 I am the faith of the holy Lamb and His wife clothed in the sun.
 I am born of her by way of faith.
 In the spirit of truth I am named Gelgel Akhmet Ulia.
 Therein I always and only profess and preach
 The sole heavenly book of Revelations,
 And the Spirit of revelation in new, fiery languages.
 I have no other companion for myself
 But the one God, the Spirit of truth.
 In Him I everywhere sing the new songs of the celestial Zion,
 Which the entire archaic world cannot ever learn.
 I know that the seven thunders have long been sounding
 Their voices unceasingly throughout the world
 Through the lips of the nation of My elect,
 Who are in the Spirit the skippers and jumpers,
 The eternal ornaments of the Lamb and myself.
 For this praise be unto my God and the Lamb. Amen.

SONG 25

Beyond the hills and forests and swift rivers,
In the very valley of Delizhan, near the field of Gamzacheman.
Between two steep mountains
Straight at the court of the king of Spirits,
The Lord revealed the light and vividly opened heaven before all.
And today, all of you remember this
And the light which abides upon me always.
And for this reason I therein always vocally offer
Spiritual prayers on your behalf,
And so proclaim in the speech of the new spoken word:
O light of the righteous sun,
You shine in my presence with Your incomprehensible light
And throughout all the mountains and hills of the fertile Caucasus.
I beseech You today my Sovereign,
During the final moment of this silent midnight,
Of Your entrance unto my bosom.
Brighten sooner Your path for Your beloved bride,
Always keeping vigil at the porches of the entrance to Your chamber.
And light in her heart the lamp of unquenchable holy-oil.
And all the wise virgins will wake and go to meet You,
Alone the betrothed Groom,
And [also] those whom You entrusted unto me,
Of all those living upon earth, as to Your beloved son,
As You did say: He that conquers will inherit all things,
And I will be his God and he will be My son.
I beseech You King of all the ages,
Consummate this work the sooner,
And therein all Your beloved sons and daughters will rejoice. Amen. Alleluia.

SONG 26

I am smaller than all in stature,
 And the beauty of my face is all withered away.
 I have neither appearance nor worth,
 For I am the most lowly born of all the sons of man.
 I seek no glory for myself in this present age,
 But await therein the one to come.
 Each day and night I weep concerning this.
 I need help for myself from the On-high.
 I desire to soon escape this net of the devil, alive.
 I feel that this will soon occur to me.
 It is not I who place myself as leader of all the nation of God.
 I received this calling and title from my God.
 I am manifestly anointed by Him, as with the oil of gladness.
 Therein I am blessed by the hand of His omnipotent Word.
 Therewith I have proceeded onto the field with a sword.
 With it I will begin to hew down every enemy without mercy.
 I forgive only those
 Who comfort me personally with their warm shoulder,
 And with the seal of my immaculate lock,
 Directly with an opening turn of my royal key. Amen.

SONG 27

O hasten Fayil Sag Vagdan.
 Seat Yourself upon me as upon Your white steed.
 And upon him Yourself smite them there for us,
 At the field of the great Armageddon.
 O Fayil Vag Sagdan!

Gain your victory over him for us the sooner.
 O Fayil Vag Susan, at that time
 Seat all Your heavenly warriors upon us,
 As upon white steeds.
 Where together we will all personally see
 How You will take this final enemy of ours
 By all of his brutal horns.
 And how You will cast all of them together
 Into the lake of the eternal fire of Gehenna,
 Unto their endless second death,
 From which none will escape ever. Amen.

SONG 28

O you members of the holy camp!
 For at that time the beloved city Oblitan
 Will be given to you as a residence;
 Where you will always be servants of your God On-high.
 There you will feast upon all the fortitude of the nations,
 And absorb all of their sweetness,
 And in their wealth you will be wondrous.
 Then more will be added unto you if you soul so desires.
 Their princes will be your providers,
 And their wives nurses unto your children.
 They will approach and bow to the ground before your wives.
 Your children will have families of longevity;
 And here they will all bring fruits
 Like unto the trees of Paradise.

Here all weeping and wailing will be taken away from them,
And in their place they will be given tambourines and a harps,
New songs for a thousand years. Amen.

SONG 29

Be beautiful and rejoice, daughter of Zion.
For your King comes upon a white steed;
He will sit upon the throne of justice
And be coronated with crowns.
And a sharp sword proceeds from His lips,
The unfeigned command of the justice of God.
He will crush like a winepress all the nations,
With the anger of the wrath of God Almighty.
His army will follow Him also on white steeds,
Also in His rightful judging and unfeigned command.
He will have a name written on the garment around His waist,
Or upon the shabrack of His saddle:
King of kings and Lord of lords,
That is, King and God.
He will hold in His hand a rod of iron,
With the sign of the star of the morning dawn,
With which He will defeat all the nations,
Like clay pots.

SONG 30

Rejoice over this my chosen people,
Who are the new Israel,
The family of the woman clothed in the sun.

You are the sons and daughters of heavenly light,
 And the eternal dawn of the holy peace upon the earth.
 Yes, verily; this is not false;
 Ask about it of any saint you wish. Amen.

PRAYER 11
 Prayer before Dining

Blessed is the Lord God of Israel! Bless us to partake of the meal set before us by You, for You alone are the holy God. You pardon and nourish Your servants; and You give us to eat at this opportunity. You stretch forth Your hand and satisfy all the living with Your good will.

To You alone be the honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER 12
 Prayer after Dining

We praise You, our Lord God, and thank You our Creator; for you have filled us with Your earthly goodness, and deprive us not of Your Paradise of sweetness. Amen.

PRAYER 13
 Regarding deliverance from the season [of temptation]

Lord, the God Sabaoth. The King, the God of Abraham. Look down upon us from heaven with Your omniscient eyes. Look upon and visit the vineyard which Your right hand has planted among the sons of mankind.

Have pity Lord, on Your people, who were called from the beginning. Gather from beneath the heavens all the tribes of Jacob; fill Zion with glory. May all Your prophets be trustworthy unto You. Give the sign to Your people Israel, whom You called You firstborn, and upon whom You placed Your name for them to be Yours.

We beseech You Lord, and pray to You. Make us worthy of the assembly of Your sealed people who wear Your name upon their foreheads. And separate us Lord, from all lawless people.

Lead us Lord, out of this worldwide Babylon into a place of refuge; and protect us Lord, from this season of temptation that has covered all the world. Defend us Lord, from the ferocious beast, with the shield of faith. Woe to the entire world because of him; but we rely upon Your mercy, Lord.

We beseech You Lord, and pray to You Lord. Delay not in gathering us upon Mount Zion. There we will unceasingly and triumphantly take comfort in new songs, which none can learn, except those who follow the Lamb in love, wherever He goes. Amen, Alleluia.

PRAYER 14

O Sovereign, the great Creator. You are the Father of all the saints from the age. Have pity upon us, Your unfortunate servants. End the beast's haughty malice, and quench his fire-breathing anger which scorches us unceasingly day and night.

Holy Father! We beseech You to look upon us! And vindicate us from this brutal enemy, who is dominating the world and the darkness of this age.

Slay him before us. Like dust before the face of the wind, carry him away to the abyss, off the face of the earth. While we who remain alive will praise Your name upon earth and will reign a thousand years. Amen, Alleluia.

PRAYER 15

O our Protector, the Holy Spirit. Protect us from the wrath coming upon the world. Cover manifestly with a shade all of the generation of our fatherland together, away from this evil.

Resurrect all of our deceased relatives in the first holy resurrection - unto the third and fourth generation. And be merciful unto them therein, unto the thousands of thousands of generations; for Yours is the creation in every place.

Likewise, Yourself bless our children with us to have life upon the good land for the thousand years. And afterward change us all: create a new body and new soul within us. Sanctify the beauty of our faces like unto the firmament of heavenly purity, and enlighten all our minds with the light of wisdom.

Therein none of us will ever see death or decay. And so we will reign with You in the new, heavenly, holy city Jerusalem, all the endless ages. Amen.

PRAYER 16

Prayer concerning the Church

Blessed is the God of gods, the God of Israel, and blessed is Your honorable name forever. Let all Your creation bless You forever.

And today Lord, my God, I present my prayer to You; my eyes and face I turn to You. Reveal Your mercy unto me Lord, and out of the dispersed nations Lord, gather us unto the unity of faith.

Send us Lord, the Comforter, Your Holy Spirit. May Your church be holy in It. And today God, let much be said of Your diverse wisdom concerning it, to all the rulers and authorities beneath the heavens.

And may all nations soon understand that You are alone God throughout all the world. Amen.

PRAYER 17
Prayer of a fellow Worker

O precious Jesus, King of the saints. Hear my prayer from Zion, Your prepared dwelling place. Look upon the humbleness of Your servant; attend to my words and disdain not my tears.

For I am a pilgrim of Yours and a sojourner as all my fathers before me, and I kneel to You, the Light of the East. Accept my tearful prayer. Yes, Lord, Your generousities will accompany me, and do not leave me in this shame unto the end.

How long Lord, will You be angry at the prayer of Your servant? But by Your great mercy hear my prayer, and grant that I be taken from this house of darkness, from this village of Belial.

Unite me Lord, with the assembly of Your chosen people. Yes, let me number with them in their legacy, where we will be comforted in seeing Your face always.

At that place there will be neither tears nor any sickness, but only joy and happiness will be ours. And death for the righteous will not exist.

And we will all be made by way of the Spirit, kings and priests unto our God and the Lamb, and we will reign with Them a thousand years. Amen, Alleluia.

PRAYER 18

Prayer of the King of Spirits or the conqueror.

O Jehovah, Adonai, God, Eloah Sabaoth! Do heed my humbleness. Give to me Your servant the strength of the Holy Spirit, to govern Your people in wisdom and perfect understanding, in the light of revelation unto the nations, and in the glory unto Your people, the new Israel.

May they recognize You as the sole true God among all the nations. Amen.

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O my beloved male and female friends, brothers and sisters, who are in the Spirit of truth the new Israel. I ask of you, do not disdain this Divine labor of love of mine, which at this time do offer you as a witness forever. And herein I clearly declare unto you my own faith in the true God, and so deliver it to you in new songs and prayers. Sing all of them everywhere, wherever you happen to be. Amen.

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**PRAYERS, TRADITIONAL AND
FROM THE BIBLE⁵**

Lord, bless us to pray unto Your holy Name and worship the Father and Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER 19

Behold now Lord, I bring a prayer on behalf of the elect and worship in the presence of those sanctified by You. Look upon the prayer of those crying unto You and bless us Lord, to do those deeds in accord with Your will. We are Your people and You are our Father. Direct us Lord, with the Spirit of Your strength. Give to us Lord, to stand upon Your correct path, and to fulfill Your commandments and precepts; to judge Your people rightly, and walk along all Your paths without blemish; to conduct ourselves in the house of God according to the revelation of the activity of Your holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER 20

O Jesus our Intercessor, hear the prayer of Your servants concerning the soul departed to that other age. Do not remind him of sins committed before You during his life, but remember the weakness of man and all his sorrow and the vain life upon the earth.

O Jesus our Lord, hear our tearful prayer.

⁵ (Prayers are written in the male gender, and may be recited in the female gender or as circumstances dictate.)

Accept him into Your abode where all the saints rest. Lord, do not reject him due to misconduct and let not Your wrath be condemnation unto endless torment. If he is unworthy, then Lord, allow Your mercy to appear. Lord open unto him the gates of Zion and the residence of all the reverent who now rest from all their labors. Amen.

PRAYER 21

Lord! The omnipotent, all-powerful, all-active. Act with us Lord, and teach us to speak and keep silent at all proper times. Enlighten us Lord, with the Spirit of Your grace, and affirm us in all Your good works. Amen.

PRAYER 22

Pacify us Lord, pacify the young men and women servants of Your chosen people. Cleanse us Lord, cleanse us from our transgressions, whether done willingly or unwillingly.

Be generous Lord, be generous to Your holy messengers.

Sanctify Lord, sanctify those that wear Your holy Name. Guard us Lord, guard us with Your holy Angels and their armies. Preserve us Lord, preserve us from every adversary and enemy. Admonish us Lord, towards every virtue and Your truth. And save Lord, our souls, from now and forevermore. Amen.

PRAYER 23

Establish Lord, establish Your land. Direct Lord, direct our path before You, for You Lord, are long-enduring and much-merciful regarding our sins.

You forgive Lord, every person who repents unto You from a clean heart.

And now Lord, forgive us and free us, Your young men and women servants, from eternal torment. And save O Savior, our souls, from now and forevermore. Amen.

PRAYER 24

Concerning new-born children

All of us today bend our knees before You Lord, and earnestly ask of You our Creator. Hear Lord, our prayer: forgive these parents of their transgressions, and accept the child unto the number of Your elect, and join them unto Your holy church, in order that they grow and glorify Your all-holy Name, and that they exult in Your honor.

Do not deny them Your presence Lord, but visibly pour out Your mercy upon them. Send to them Lord, out of Your grace, the gift of Your Holy Spirit, which will seal their name in the Book of Life, that it be not removed, not in this age nor in the next.

Save Savior, their soul and body, now and forevermore. Amen.

PRAYER 25

(Psalm 134)

Bless now the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who at night stand in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you from Zion. Amen.

PRAYER 26

Prayer of deliverance from sorrow

Lord, my Creator, my hour has come. I have no hope or defense besides You, Lord my God. Into Your hands I surrender my spirit; You alone be my Shelter. For this reason Lord my God, will I praise and exalt You before all, during all the days of my life. But first I ask of You my Creator, do not deny me Lord, Your love.

Lord, hear my prayer and reveal Your mercy to me, Your servant. Send Lord, Your sovereign Spirit into my heart. Amen.

PRAYER 27

Prayer concerning our common salvation

And now Lord, consider and pardon us, all those who suffer one for another. We beseech You Lord with tears, and ask You from the depths of our soul sincerely, let it be known to all that You are among us Lord, and turn us not away Lord, from Your presence. You are the Father of forgiveness, be kindhearted toward Your creation which everywhere suffers. May Your hand be the defender of all of us and lead us to reconciliation. We ask this of You Lord, beginning with the aged silver-haired elder and to the many children with their mothers.

With tears do we fall before Your holy throne; turn, Lord, Your kindhearted gaze upon us. When You Lord, dwelt upon the earth, in miracles and wonders did You heal the sick and resurrect the dead. Have mercy likewise upon us, Lord. Amen.

PRAYER 28
(Psalm 86)

Lower Your ear Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am reverent before You. My God, save Your servant who trusts in You. Be merciful to me Lord, For I cry unto You every day. Make the soul of Your servant to rejoice, for to You Lord, I surrender my soul. For You Lord, are benevolent and kindhearted and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Give ear Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplication. In the day of my trouble I call upon You, for You will answer me. Among the gods there is none like You Lord; nor are there any works like Your works. All the nations which You made will come and worship before You Lord, and will glorify Your name. For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

Teach me Your way Lord, and I will walk in Your truth; strengthen my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forever. For great is Your mercy toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of hell.

O God, the proud rise against me, and a mob of violent men seek my life; they do not establish You in their presence. But You Lord, are a generous God, and kindhearted, enduring and abundant in mercy and truth. Be considerate towards me, and have mercy on me. Give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your maidservant. Show upon me a sign indicating goodness, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed. Because You Lord, have helped me and comforted me. Amen.

PRAYER 29

O precious Jesus, King of the saints, hear our prayer from Zion, Your holy estate, concerning the soul of our brother [sister] departed unto You Lord, unto the heavenly residence for judgment before You.

Forgive him Lord, all of his sins, which were done by him against all of Your holy commandments.

O Jesus, our Lord, You are the sole Mediator for all who believe in You. Wash his sins with Your precious blood and justify him Lord, with Your benevolence by the will of Your love, in the presence of all Your saints. For You were alone dedicated from among the heavenly nature to redeem the sins of people and renew imperishable life for the entire human race, for the glory of Your heavenly residence.

For this reason we beseech You, our Lord, forgive him all of his sins and accept him at the bosom of Abraham, the father of all the saints, which is in heaven the eternally triumphant church of the first-born. Amen.

PRAYER 30
(Neh 1:5-11)

Lord God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy towards those who love You and observe Your commandments. Please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, in order to hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and I confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned.

We have acted corruptly before You and have not kept the commandments and the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.

Remember, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, but if you return to Me, and observe My commandments and fulfill them, though some of you were cast out to the farthest part of the heavens, yet I will gather them from there, and bring them to the place which I have chosen as a dwelling for My name. Now these are Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power, and by Your strong hand.

O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to be reverent in the presence of Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. Amen.

PRAYER 31
(Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I have cried to You Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You Lord, should consider iniquity Lord, who will survive? But there is forgiveness with You, that they be reverent before You.

I rely upon the Lord, and so my soul relies, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than they who watch for the morning, I say, more than they who watch for the morning. Let Israel hope in the Lord; For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant deliverance. And He will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. Amen.

PRAYER 32
(Psalm 141)

Lord, I cry out to You, hurry to me. Attend to the voice of my prayer when I cry out to You. Let my prayer be directed before Your presence as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Place a guard Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not let my heart incline to evil words, to condone wicked works together with men who work iniquity; and let me eat not of their delicacies. Let the righteous strike me; it will be a kindness. And let him reprove me; it will be as excellent holy oil which my head will not refuse. For my petitions are against their malice. Their leaders are scattered along sides of cliffs, and they hear my words, for they are meek. As though they plow the earth do they break apart and scatter our bones in the jaws of the nether regions.

But my eyes O Lord, are upon You Lord; in You I hope. Do not abandon my soul. Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and from the traps of the lawless. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I escape safely. Amen.

PRAYER 33
(Psalm 27)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom will I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; whom will I be afraid of? When the wicked, my enemies and foes, came against me to eat my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an army should encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war should rise against me, even then I will be confident.

One thing I have desired of the Lord, and only this will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

to contemplate the beauty of the Lord, and to attend His temple. For in the time of trouble He will hide me in His tabernacle; in the secret place of His village He will hide me; He will set me high upon the cliffs. And then my head will be lifted up above my enemies all around me. Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

Hear Lord, when I cry with my voice; have mercy also upon me, and answer me. Out of You did my heart speak, saying: Seek My face. And Your face Lord, will I seek. Do not hide Your face from me; do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me God, my Savior. My father and my mother forsook me, but the Lord will adopt of me.

Teach me Your way Lord, and lead me on the path of righteousness, because of my enemies. Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe violence. But I believe that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Hope on the Lord; be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart. Rely on the Lord. Amen.

PRAYER 34
(Psalms 33:18-22)

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear Him, upon those who hope in His mercy, because He delivers their soul from death, and nourishes them during times of famine. Our soul hopes upon for the Lord; He is our help and our defense, Our heart rejoices in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Let Your mercy Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You. Amen.

PRAYER 35
(Psalm 25)

To You Lord, I surrender my soul. My God, in You is my trust. Let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me. Indeed, let no one who relies upon You be ashamed. Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously for no reason.

Indicate to me Your ways Lord, and teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation. Upon You I rely every day.

Remember Lord, Your generousities and Your mercies, for they have been from the beginning of time. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions. According to Your mercy remember me for Your goodness' sake Lord. Benevolent and upright is the Lord; therefore He admonishes sinners onto the way. The humble He guides towards justice, and the humble He teaches His way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity, for it is great. Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him will He teach the way that he should choose. His soul will abide in goodness, and his descendants will inherit the earth. The secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him, and He reveals them His covenant. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will remove my feet from the net.

Turn towards me and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have increased; lead me out of my distresses. Look on my affliction and my pain, and forgive me all my sins. Behold the number of my enemies, for they are many, and the cruel hatred they hate me with.

Preserve my soul, and deliver me. Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You. Let impeccability and integrity preserve me, for I rely upon You. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles. Amen.

PRAYER 36
(Psalm 143)

Hear my prayer, O Lord; be considerate towards my supplication according to Your truth. In Your faithfulness answer me, and in Your righteousness hear me. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no one among the living can be justified.

The enemy persecutes my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground. He has forced me to dwell in darkness, like those who have long been dead. Therefore my spirit is wearied within me; my heart within me is torpid. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I reason on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; my soul longs for You like a parched land.

Answer me speedily Lord; My spirit fails. Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be compared to those who descend to the grave. Gift me to hear Your mercy in the morning, for in You do I trust. Direct me along the way I should walk, for I yield my soul to You. Deliver me Lord, from my enemies; for unto You do I flee. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Allow Your benevolent Spirit to lead me to the land of righteousness.

Revive me Lord, for Your name's sake. For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of distress. In Your mercy destroy my enemies, and annihilate all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant. Amen.

PRAYER 37
(Psalm 121)

I will lift up my eyes to the hills from where my help comes. My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who preserves you will not slumber. Behold, He who preserves Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your protection; The Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will protect you from all evil; He will protect your soul. The Lord will preserve your exits and your entrances from now and forevermore. Amen.

PRAYER 38
(Psalm 91)

He who dwells in the shelter of the All-High will abide under the shadow of the Almighty. He says to the Lord, My refuge and my fortress is my God, in Whom I trust. He will deliver you from the trap of the hunter and from the destructive plague. He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will take refuge. His truth will be your shield and defense.

You will not fear of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor the plagues that desolate during the midday. A thousand fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. Only with your eyes will you see and view the compensation of the wicked. For you have said, The Lord is my hope. You have chosen the Most High to be your refuge.

No evil will befall you, nor will any plague come near your dwelling. For He will give His angels charge over you, to preserve you on all your paths. They will bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the asp and the lion; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Because he loves Me, therefore I will deliver him. I will defend him, because he knows My name.

He will call upon Me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With a long life I will satisfy him, and reveal to him My salvation. Amen.

PRAYER 39

Behold Lord, our meekness and accept from us Lord, our prayer. Have favor Lord, upon our offering, as upon the sacrifice of Abel. Accept from us Lord, our acceptable conduct, as [You did] from Enoch. Preserve us Lord, from a flood over our minds, as [You did] with Noah. Protect us Lord, from the fire and brimstone, as [You did] Lot from Sodom.

Appear to us Lord, in Your holy Spirit, as [You did] to our father Abraham. Gift to us Lord, Your covenant, as [You did] to Isaac. Glorify us Lord, as [You did] Your young servant Israel. Write Lord, upon our heart the decisions and judgments, as [You did] for Moses on mount Sinai. Lead us Lord, through the fountains of water, as [You led] Moses through the sea. Deliver us Lord, from the swinging sword, as [You did] David from the sword of Goliath. Destroy Lord, the idols before us, as during the days of Elijah the prophet You destroyed Baal.

Send to us Lord, Your benefactress, our mother: wisdom. Lead us Lord, from the depths of the abyss, from the grave of the netherworld, and from our transgressions. Place us Lord, upon Your celestial ladder and the pardon of all our decisions. Save O Savior, our souls from now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER 40
(Psalm 88. Prayer for the Sick.)

O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You. Let my prayer draw near to You. Incline Your ear to my petition, for my soul is full of troubles and my life draws near to the grave. I am counted with those who descend to the grave. I have become a man with no strength, adrift among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom You remember no more and who are denied Your hand.

You have laid me in the depths of the nether regions, in darkness, in the abyss. Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and You have afflicted me with all Your turbulence. You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me repulsive to them. I am locked up, and I cannot get out. My eye wastes away because of affliction. Lord, all the day I have called upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You.

Will You work wonders for the dead? Will the dead arise and praise You? Will Your mercy be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the place of decay? Will Your wonders be known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the land of oblivion? But to You I cry out, O Lord, and early in the morning my prayer comes before You. Lord, why do You sever my soul? Why do You hide Your face from me? I am afflicted and wasting away from my youth on. I bear the dread of You, and so become weak.

Your fierce wrath has passed over me; Your terror has wasted me. They surround me all day long like water, they engulf me altogether. Loved one and friend You have distanced from me, and my acquaintances I see no longer. Amen.

PRAYER 41
(Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I am in need of. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

PRAYER 42
(Psalm 142. Prayer during the wake.)

I cried out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice I made my supplication to the Lord. I poured out my petition before Him; I declared before Him my trouble. When my spirit was weak within me, You knew my path. In the way by which I walk they have secretly set a trap for me. I look on my right hand and see that there is no one who acknowledges me. Refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul.

I cried out to You Lord and said, You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living. Attend to my cry, for I have become very weak; deliver me from my persecutors, for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison, so that I may praise Your name. The righteous will surround me when You deal benevolently with me. Amen.

PRAYER 43
(Psalm 67)

God, be merciful to us and bless us, and cause Your face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Let the nations praise You, O God; let all the nations praise You. O let the tribes be glad and rejoice. For You will judge the people rightly, and will govern the tribes on earth. Let the nations praise You, O God; let all the nations praise You.

The earth has yielded her produce. May God, our God, bless us. May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. Amen.

PRAYER 44
(Psalm 6. Prayer for the Sick)

O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, nor chasten me while in Your displeasure. Have mercy on me Lord, for I am weak. Heal me Lord, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But when will this occur, Lord?

Return Lord, deliver my soul. O save me for Your mercies' sake. For in death there is no remembrance of You. In the grave who will give You thanks? I am weary with my groaning; every night I soak my bed. I drench my blankets with my tears. My eye is parched because of grief; it grows old because of all my enemies. Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; for the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly afflicted; let them turn back and be suddenly ashamed. Amen.

PRAYER 45
(Psalm 133)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together. It is like the precious holy oil upon the head, flowing down the beard, the beard of Aaron, flowing down over the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord commanded the blessing and life forever. Amen.

PRAYER 46
(Psalm 125)

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from now and forevermore. For the Lord will not allow the scepter of wickedness to have dominion over the allotment of the righteous, lest the hands of the righteous extend to iniquity.

Be benevolent Lord, to the good, and to the upright in heart. As for such as turn aside to their crooked ways, the Lord will abandon them to walk with the workers of iniquity. Amen.

PRAYER 47
(Psalm 128)

Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks His paths. You will eat of the labor of your hands, you will be happy, and all will be well with you. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in your home; Your children like olive plants all around your table. So will the man be blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord blesses you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. Yes, you will see children from your children. Peace be upon Israel. Amen.

PRAYER 48
(Psalm 102)

Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me, but in the day of my trouble incline Your ear to me. In the day that I call, answer me speedily. For my days disappear as smoke does, and my bones are burnt like charred wood. My heart is stricken and withered like grass, so that I even forget to eat my bread.

Because of the sound of my groaning my bones cling to my skin. I am like a pelican in the wilderness; I am like an owl in desolate ruins. I lie awake, and am like a sparrow alone on the housetop. My enemies reproach me all day long, and those who deride me swear at me. For I eat ashes like bread, and mingle my drink with my tears, because of Your indignation and Your wrath. For You have lifted me up and cast me away. My days are like a declining shadow, and I wither away like grass.

But You Lord, will endure forever, and the memory of Your name continues to all generations. You will arise and be kindhearted towards Zion; for the time to pardon her, yes, the very time, has come. For Your servants take pleasure even in her stones, and show favor even to her dust. So the nations will fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. For the Lord will build up Zion; He will appear in His glory. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and will not despise their petition.

This will be written for the generation to come, that the descendants yet to arrive may praise the Lord. For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven the Lord viewed the earth, to hear the groaning of the prisoners, to release those appointed to death, to declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem, when nations are gathered together along with kingdoms to serve the Lord.

He exhausted my strength along the roads; He shortened my days. I said, O my God, do not take me away halfway through my days. Your years are throughout all generations. In the beginning You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure. Yes, all of them will decay like an old garment. Like a cloak You will change them, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end. The sons of Your servants will continue to live, and their families will be established before You. Amen.

PRAYER 49
(Psalms 36:5-11)

Lord, Your mercy reaches the heavens, and Your truth attains to the clouds. Your justice is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are as deep as the abyss. Lord, You preserve man and beast. How precious is Your mercy, O God. The children of men abide under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

O pour out Your mercy to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart. Let not the foot of pride step upon me, and let not the hand of the wicked drive me away. Amen.

PRAYER 50
(Psalms 5:11-12)

But let all those who put their trust in You rejoice. Let them ever shout for joy, because You shelter them. Let those also who love Your name boast of You. For You Lord, bless the righteous; You crown him with favor, as with a shield. Amen.

PRAYER 51
(Psalms 145:17-21)

The Lord is right in all His ways, benevolent in all His works. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them. The Lord protects all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.

My lips will declare the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER 52

O Lord, our merciful Creator. We were created by Your will; have mercy upon us Lord, have mercy upon us, and with Your strong right hand direct us towards Your truth. Subject our natural mind and all of our heartfelt desires unto Your Holy Spirit and according to Your holy will. We in total willingness surrender ourselves to you; and we firmly believe that You have loved us, sending Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He shed His holy blood for our sake. Lord, permit to embrace us with Your hands, still with blood upon them. And guide us with Your Holy Spirit according to Your holy will.

Be kindhearted towards us Lord; hear our prayer and have mercy on us. Amen.

PRAYER 53

You are my God: I will honor You. You are my God: I will exalt You.

Praise the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever. Amen.

PRAYER 54

All of us who now enter into the home of Your servant, Lord, do ask of You, pour out Your holy mercy, that he would eternally continue in Your presence. For You have announced to make the house of Your servant blessed forever. Amen.

PRAYER 55
(Psalms 115:12-18)

The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us. He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great. May the Lord give you increase more and more, to you and to your children.

May you be blessed by the Lord, who created heaven and earth. The heavens are the Lord's heavens; but the earth He has given to the children of men. The dead do not praise the Lord, nor any who descend into the grave. But we will bless the Lord from now and forevermore. Alleluia.

PRAYER 56
(Psalm 113)

Praise Him, servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory is above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, Who dwells on high, and humbles Himself to behold that in the heavens and on the earth? He raises the poor out of the dust, and lifts the needy out of the dirt, that He may seat him with princes, with the princes of His people? He grants the barren woman a home, like a joyful mother of children. Amen.

PRAYER 57
(Concerning the sick - Psalms 116:1-9)

I rejoice because the Lord heard my voice and my supplication. Because He inclined His ear to me, I will call upon Him as long as I live. The pains of death encompassed me, and the torment of hell laid hold of me; I incurred trouble and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: Lord, deliver my soul. Gracious is the Lord and righteous; and kindhearted is our God. The Lord protects the common person. I became weak, and He restored me. Return to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has dealt prosperously with you.

For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. Amen.

PRAYER 58
(Psalms 29:9-11)

The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare. And in His temple everyone proclaims of His glory. The Lord sits enthroned over the flood, and the Lord will sit as King forever. The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. Amen.

PRAYER 59
(Psalms 132:13-16)

For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. With a blessing I will bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints will rejoice in great joy. Amen.

PRAYER 60
(Psalms 18:46-49)

The Lord lives and blessed is my Defender. Let the God of my salvation be exalted: the God who avenges me and subdues the nations under me, and who delivers me from my enemies. You have lifted me up above those who rise against me and have delivered me from the violent man. So I will give thanks to You Lord, among the foreigners and sing praise to Your name. Amen.

PRAYER 61
(Prayer for the sick - Psalm 13)

How long, O Lord, will You totally forget me? How long will You hide Your face from me? How long will I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart day and night? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God. Enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; lest my enemy say, I have prevailed against him; lest those who persecute me rejoice when I tremble. But I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart will rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, who has dealt prosperously towards me. Amen.

PRAYER 62
(Psalms 106:47-48)

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations to give honor to Your holy name and to boast of Your glory. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from the beginning of time and to the end of time. And let all the people say, Amen. Praise the Lord.

PRAYER 63

Blessed are You, God of our Fathers, and blessed is Your holy name. Have mercy upon us, our Redeemer, and we will await this mercy from You. Lord, hear our prayer at this time, for we are weak and helpless. God, hurry to us. You are our help and our deliverance; do not remember our iniquity, but remember Your hand and Your name at this time.

Save us Lord, and have mercy on us. Amen.

PRAYER 64

(Psalm 117)

O praise the Lord, all you nations. Exalt Him, all you peoples. For great is His mercy toward us, and the truth of the Lord abides forever. Alleluia.

PRAYER 65

(Psalms 119:174-176)

I long for Your salvation Lord, and Your law is my comfort. Let my soul live, and it will praise You; and let Your judgments help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant, for I have not forgotten Your commandments. Amen.

PRAYER 66

(Psalms 22:26-28, Prayer at departure)

Let those who seek the Lord praise Him. Let your hearts live forever. All the ends of the world will remember and turn to the Lord. And all the families of the nations will worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord's and He is sovereign over the nations. Amen.

PRAYER 67
(Psalm 90)

Lord, You have been our refuge generation after generation. Even before the mountains were born, or You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You have been God. You turn man to decay and say, Return, children of mankind. For a thousand years in Your sight is like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night.

You carry them away as though in a flood. They are like a dream. They are like the grass which grows in the morning, which flowers in the morning and becomes green; but in the evening it is cut down and withers. For we are consumed by Your anger, and by Your wrath we are in turmoil. You have set our iniquities before You, our secret deeds before the light of Your presence. For all our days pass away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a noise made. The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet the greater part of them is only labor and sorrow. For they pass along quickly, and we fly through them.

Who knows the power of Your anger? For as is the fear of You, so is Your wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Return Lord. But when? And be kindhearted towards Your servants. Satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad to replace the days You afflicted us, and for the years we saw calamity.

Let Your work appear upon Your servants, and Your glory to their children. And let the reverence of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper the work of our hands. Yes, prosper the work of our hands. Amen.

PRAYER 68
(Psalms 85:8-13)

Show us Your mercy, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation. I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His nation and to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

How near is His salvation to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Truth grows from the earth, and righteousness glances down from heaven. Yes, the Lord will give what is good; and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will precede Him, and will place our footsteps upon the pathway. Amen.

PRAYER 69
(Psalms 63:1-8)

O God, You are my God; From the early dawn will I seek You. My soul thirsts for You. My flesh longs for You in a dry and parched land where there is no water, to see Your power and Your glory as I saw You in the sanctuary. For Your mercy is better than life. [My lips will praise You.]

So will I bless You during my life: I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and finest oil, and my lips will praise You with a joyful voice. When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You during the night watches.

You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. My soul adheres unto You; Your right hand strengthens me. Amen.

PRAYER 70

O our merciful God, be kindhearted towards us, for we place our prayer before You Lord. Judge us not according to our transgressions, but judge us according to Your indescribable kindness, to which there is no end.

You, Sovereign, for our sake descended and shed Your precious and holy blood. You rewarded us with Your graceful Spirit and with the love of Your goodness.

Defend us from the eternal captivator, and light the lamp in our hearts never to be extinguished. Enlighten our minds with the radiant wisdom, in order for us to constantly meditate upon You. Teach us to do that which is pleasing to You Lord, and have mercy upon us. Amen.

PRAYER 71

(Adapted from the Prayer of Manasseh 11-15)

And now we bend the knees of our heart, and petition You concerning benevolence. We have sinned Lord, we have sinned, and we acknowledge our transgressions. But we beseech You and pray to You, release us Lord, release us. Do not destroy us along with our transgressions, and do not condemn us to the nether regions. For You God, are the God of the repentant.

Let Your goodness appear upon us, and save us the unworthy according to Your great mercy, and we will glorify You all the days of our lives. For all the host of heaven praises You, and Your glory is forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER 72

Spare Lord, Your people, and allow not Your inheritance to be discredited. Let not the spirits of wickedness overcome us. But allow Lord, Your mercy upon us, and we will rely upon You, Lord.

Save Lord, Your people, and bless Your inheritance. And we ask and beseech and pray to You Lord, and do worship the Father and Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER 73

Lord, Lord, Father of the Saints. Accept the prayer of the righteous and heed to the voice of those crying out to You. Forgive us Lord, every one of our transgressions - done willingly or unwillingly - whether in mind, deed, word, or even intention. For You are the generous Lord God. Be kindhearted towards us Lord, and hear our prayer. And save Lord, our soul and have mercy upon us. Amen.

PRAYER 74
(Psalms 5:7)

I will enter Your house. I will worship toward Your holy temple in the fear of You, Lord. Amen.

PRAYER 75
(Adapted from Hebrews 3:4)

Lord, bless us who enter this house. For every house is built by somebody, but the builder of life in this house is our Lord Himself, and Him do we worship forever. Amen.

PRAYER 76

(Prayer before dining - Adapted from Psalms 145:15-16)

O Father of all, upon You is our hope, and You give unto us food at the proper time. You open Your generous hand and satisfy the desire of all the living with Your goodness.

To You alone be the honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER 77

Hear Lord, our prayer, and turn Your face mercifully towards us and glance upon Your servants and handmaidens who today pray before You. Look upon and visit this vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branches which You have blessed for Your glory.

Lord, sanctify us with Your presence, and we will be saved. Gather us Lord, from all the countries of the world and make us Your inheritance, as this was from the beginning during the days of our forefathers.

Pardon Lord, the nations called by Your name, which You called Your firstborn. Be kindhearted Lord, towards Zion, the place of Your rest; and fill it with the praise of Your promises and [fill] the nation with Your glory.

Raise up Lord, out of this people, prophets in Your name. And give to Your people faith, and accept Lord, our prayer and offering as a fragrant sacrifice before You.

Save us Lord, with eternal salvation; and bless Your inheritance from now and forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER 78

Unto You Lord, do we bend our knees; to You Lord, the creator of heaven and earth.
 Lord, forgive us our every sin.
 Lord, purify us from every defilement.
 Lord, free us from eternal imprisonment.
 Lord, protect us from the deception of the serpent.
 Lord, shelter us with the cover of Your wings from the wrath of the enemy.
 Lord, deliver us, Your men and woman servants, from eternal torment.
 Lord, save us with eternal salvation.
 Lord, sanctify us before all the nations, for You Lord do love all of Your saints.
 Have mercy on us Lord. Amen.

PRAYER 79

O King residing in the brilliant heavens. O timeless Creator, the rightful judging, benevolent and endless Lord. Attend O God, unto our prayer and turn towards us Your kind-hearted attention, for we are perishable sinners who pray before You Lord, and You do not turn away from us Your immaculate presence.

We always moan in our miseries; but You have great love for mankind: You comfort our sorrows, and allow us who are made of earth to glorify Your Name and Your immeasurable timeless authority.

And now Sovereign, Lord God Almighty, may Your good will permit Your servants today to gather at this holy place of Yours, and to pray to Your all-holy Name, and worship Your immaculate presence, and pronounce Your all-holy Name, for You are the Lord, our God who is blessed from eternity and to eternity. Amen.

PRAYER 80

Lord, Lord, King of gods. Destroy not Your people and Your inheritance, which You chose unto salvation for Yourself from all the nations, having acquired us through the blood of Your young servant Jesus with a strong hand and Your exalted right arm.

Remember Lord, Your oath which You swore to our fathers: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Do not void Your holy covenant, and do not view Lord, the arrogance of Your people and their wickedness and their sins. But view Lord, the prayer of Your servants who pray before You, on behalf of themselves and also Your people.

How long Lord, will You be angry at the request of Your servants. You feed us Lord, with the bread of tears; You make us to drink of tears in large measure, and our enemies deride us. For the sake of Your holy Name, we receive contempt. Who will deliver us from their violence if You Lord, do not? Turn Your face mercifully upon us and shield us with Your right hand and we will be saved.

I beseech You, Lord God of Israel, send to us peace, to the many who love Your law and observe Your commandments. Deliver us Lord, from the authority of darkness; let us be workers for You united under a single yoke, in righteousness and piety and Your truth.

Place Lord, Your fear into our hearts, that we may learn to fear Your holy Name from now and forevermore. Amen.

PRAYER 81

Behold, O King of eternal glory, our All-generous Savior. Have pity upon our unfortunate souls, for they are blinded by the cares of this age and sense not what they are earning towards their endless life.

O, sun of righteousness. Enlighten our understanding and allow the rays of Your radiance into our hearts, which will scatter the darkness from our soul. Move our hearts to serve You unceasingly with a clear conscience. Open our eyes so that they may strive unto Your radiant throne. Take away the useless thoughts of our soul, like unto the bird that forgot the Words of God. Banish them from us with Your strength. Invest the soul with gracious feelings to contemplate upon Your will. Teach our tongue how it must exalt You, and of Your power. Change all of our desires toward Your will, so we ask You not of that which profits not our salvation.

Lord our God. At the present we cannot perceive what it is we need for our eternal salvation because of our weakness and helplessness. You are our Creator. Act with us Yourself and in all our movements. If You do not aid us with Your strength, we will not escape eternal torment. Lord, we desire to attain by any possible means that state where You will always speak with us inwardly, but we do not have such strength without Your Preceptor, the Holy Spirit. Lord, we consider our quiet pleasure of this life as nothing compared to Your bliss.

Our Savior, for our salvation You shed Your precious blood. With Your immaculate lips You said, Everyone that commits sin is the slave of sin. If therefore the Son will make you free, you will be free indeed. Moreover, He who comes unto Me, I will no way cast out.

Thus we today Lord, run unto You. Deny us not Your presence, but free us from our sins that they possess us not. Make of us Your dwelling-place, of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER 82

Behold now Lord, we glorify You and bend our knees before You the Creator of us all. We praise Your all-holy Name and exalt You along with all Your incorporeal holy hosts: the angels, archangels, Cherubim and Seraphim; and we follow all Your holy prophets, apostles, martyrs and Your elect.

You have made us worthy Lord, to pray to Your most-radiant and most-honorable holy Name and worship Your immaculate and invisible image. And now Lord, make us worthy, Your young men and women servants, to dwell with Your presence in Your heavenly Kingdom, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER 83

Our home is gracious; our hope is God, our refuge is Christ. God is with us on our paths, and the Shelter, the Holy Spirit, is upon us. Amen.

SONG 31
(Psalms 24:1-5, 7-10)

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness,
The world and that dwells there.
For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters.
Who may ascend onto the mount of the Lord?
Or who may stand in His holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, nor sworn deceitfully.
He will receive blessing from the Lord,
And mercy from the God, his Savior.
Lift up your heads, O you gates.
And be lifted up, you ancient doors.
And the King of glory will enter in. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O you gates.
And lift them up, you ancient doors.
And the King of glory will enter in. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

SONG 32

We will give glory to God who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb.
We sing a song awaiting the end.
We have strongly fought in battle against the enemy.
Our Lord proclaims unto us through His Holy Spirit:
Crowns and garments are prepared for us from God.
His faithful servants will dress in them,
For they have firmly stood at guard always.
To our God be the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PETITIONS FOR PRAYER

It is not an absolute necessity to recite word for word the phrases which are formatted in the following petitions. But every Petitioner may modify this as is necessary for the situation and his inner inclinations.

The brother or sister desiring to be prayed for to God must enter and stand, and before the presbyter announce the following for all to hear:

Brothers and sisters, I desire to be prayed for.

The presbyter will say a few words, after which the petitioner will recite the following words:

If I have offended any of you, please forgive me.

The presbyter will reply to the request in brief in the name of the church, and will conclude by saying: God forgives.

The petitioner will bow in four directions: First bow to the presbyters; second, to the Speakers and Choir; third, to the Narrators and Prophetic; fourth, to the sisters. And then turn and once again bow to the presbyters.

After this the petitioners will place money as alms upon the table, and then again repeat the bows in the four directions, following above noted pattern. They will stand on their knees and announce aloud the purpose of their prayer request.

Specific details of the order and petition may change depending on circumstances.

General Petition: Upon his knees the petitioner will recite:

Brothers and sisters, pray for me that the Lord forgive me all my sins which I have committed from my youth up to this time. And that He strengthen me so I sin no more, but rather be found under His guidance and fulfill all of His commands.

The petitioner will bend his head to the floor and the presbyter will recite prayers on behalf of him.

If a blessing is to follow, the petitioner, raising his head, will recite the following:

Brothers and sisters, I desire a blessing from God and a confirmation from the Holy Spirit.

After these words the petitioner will again bend his head to the floor. The choir will sing at this time.

After the conclusion of the prayer and blessing, the petitioner will stand and thank all those standing on the front row with the Holy Kiss, beginning with Presbyter. After this he will recite the following words:

Brothers and sisters, may the Lord save you for the love you have shown me.

He will again bow in four directions following the above order.

If there is an offering to follow after the prayer, then the petitioner (the host of the offering) will invite all those present to partake of the table of Lord. He will recite the following words:

Dear brothers and sisters, do not anyone leave, but remain to partake of the dinner which the Lord has provided.

When all is ready at the tables, the host will ask the presbyter to pray prior to the dinner. After the prayer the host will offer the dinner to those present, in the following words:

Brothers and sisters, I am (We are) very happy that you did not deny us our petition and have come to pray for us unto God. Please begin to dine, and pass the time in sermon and song unto the glory of God and the comfort of us all.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the host will thank everybody.

May the Lord save you for the love you have shown towards us. Likewise we thank all the kitchen-help, who have worked to prepare this dinner. May the Lord reward you with all goodness.

Then the presbyter will recite a prayer of thanksgiving at the end of the dinner. After this all will rise and arrange themselves in their places. The host will enter before the presbyter, stand on his knees and say the following:

I thank God that our prayer service was completed to our benefit. Likewise we ask God that He guide me in the future.

After the presbyter recites a prayer, the host will rise and thank all those standing on the front (and all those attending if he so wishes) with the Holy Kiss, beginning with the presbyter. After this he will bow in the four directions as noted in the above order.

Petition for the Sick: The petitioner will recite the following words:

Brothers and sisters, pray for me that the Lord forgive me all my sins which I have committed from my youth up to this time. And that He strengthen me so I sin no more, but rather be found under His guidance and fulfill all of His commands. Likewise I pray on behalf of my (specify relation and name of person) who at the present time is very ill. I ask that the Lord send him His mercy and return to him the health he had earlier.

Petition for children (extini):

Brothers and sisters, pray for me that the Lord forgive me all my sins which I have committed from my youth up to this time. And that He strengthen me so I sin no more, but rather be found under His guidance and fulfill all of His commands. Likewise I pray on behalf of my (specify son or daughter and name) that the Lord would guide him, and gift him with health and prosperity, bless him with the Holy Spirit, and write his name in the Book of Life.

For the blessing, the petitioner will raise his head and then recite the following words:

Brothers and sisters, we ask from God a blessing and from the Holy Spirit a confirmation.

Petition for the deceased:

Brothers and sisters, pray for me that the Lord forgive me all my sins which I have committed from my youth up to this time. And that He strengthen me so I sin no more, but rather be found under His guidance, and that I be considered worthy to petition concerning my (specify relation and name of person) that the Lord would forgive him all his sins which he had committed on this earth, and would accept him with all the saints, and resurrect him at the first resurrection.

If there is an offering to be brought, then the words and order for the blessing, will be followed, as noted above.

Petition at a memorial service:

The same petition as for the deceased will be utilized. Likewise with the bringing of an offering, the same order as above will be followed.

Petition at a Wedding Service:

Brothers and sisters, pray for me that the Lord forgive me all my sins which I have committed from my youth up to this time. And that He strengthen me so I sin no more, but rather be found under His guidance, and fulfill all His commands. Likewise we ask on behalf of the newly-weds that the Lord would forgive them their transgressions and gift them with health, love, peace, and good-fortune during their life.

Then the words and order for the blessing will be followed.

Responsibilities of the Bestman (Drozhok) at the Wedding:

(This has been incorporated into the services on page 24.)

VISITING A HOME

(Greeting the guests)

The first individual entering the house will recite one of the following prayers: No. 1, 21, 25, 54, 64, or 75.

The host of the home will greet them with a Holy Kiss.

The guest says: Peace be unto this house.

The host replies: Peace unto your arrival.

The guest says: Are you living in good health?

The host replies: Glory to God, we are alive and healthy. And yourselves?

The guest replies: Praise the Lord, we are likewise alive and healthy.

The Holy Kiss occurs only during the visit to a home (Greeting the guests). If the occasion is that of a thanksgiving prayer, or a memorial service, or some other prayer service, then the Holy Kiss is not performed when entering the home. The guest entering will only recite a prayer; the remaining order will follow normal procedures as in church.

When leaving the house, the visitor will recite one of the following prayers: No. 21, 45, 50, 53, 62, 64, or 66.

The host will bid farewell with the guests with the Holy Kiss. After this the guest will say:

May the Lord save you for your love and hospitality. Farewell.

The host will answer: And may the Lord save you likewise for visiting us. Farewell.

APPENDIX

CONCERNING THE BURIAL OF THE DECEASED

(M. G. Rudometkin 14:29)

Whenever anyone of the male sex dies, he must be dressed in the male fashion. First, it is proper to wash him with water and dress him in clean, white linen. The female that dies must be dressed in the female fashion. She too will be washed first and then dressed.

Then invite the presbyter and assemble a number of people to bury the body of the deceased in eternal rest.

The body of the deceased is placed in a coffin; then the presbyter recites a prayer for him in his house. Then he is carried to the burial ground: Follow him singing hymns pertaining to the burial of the dead. When he is brought to the grave the coffin should be placed on the ground and all the people are to offer a prayer for him unto God upon their knees. Then lower him into the ground unto eternal life.

Now the presbyter will take a handful of earth and cast it upon the coffin, before anyone else, and then say to the deceased:

Remember man: Of the earth you were made, and unto the earth you return.

Then the laborers are to cover him with the same earth. Then the presbyter reads the prayer of departure, Hear my prayer O God.⁶

Then all the people are to go to the house of the deceased to pray to God on his behalf and comfort the weeping orphans. They are then to offer bread and salt as their means will allow.

When this meal is over, it is fitting that all the people stand and pray concerning this matter to God and thank the head of the house. All must say: O Lord our God, accept this meal as a consolation for the deceased. Then read 2nd Book of Maccabees 12:43. Then it is proper to sing a song of comfort for all of the people and the weeping orphans: 1st Letter to the Thessalonians 4:13.

6. Psalm 143 in English; Ps 142 in Russian.