

A Prayer of Intercession to the Most-Holy Theotokos

Reader: O Mother of God, our queen and our hope, the refuge of the abandoned and the intercessor for those who have gone astray; the joy of all who sorrow and the protectress of the needy; you see our poverty, our affliction and misery. Help us who are weak; feed us who are hungry; intercede for us with your Son and our God, and may He deal with us as He pleases. For we have no other hope, no other intercessor, no other consolation except you, O Virgin Theotokos. Protect us beneath your veil, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Another Prayer of Intercession to the Most-Holy Theotokos

Reader: All-pure and incorruptible Virgin Bride of God and our Sovereign Lady: you made the Word of God one with mankind by gloriously giving birth to your Son and joining our fallen nature to His divine nature; you are the hope of the despairing and the support of those in distress, the swift defender of those who turn to you and the refuge of all Christians:

Do not turn from me, an unclean sinner, who have destroyed myself with unworthy thoughts, words and deeds, and have been enslaved by forgetfulness to the carnal passions of life; but have compassion on me, Theotokos, and accept the prayer of a sinner and prodigal, offered from unclean lips.

Exercise your boldness as a Mother and pray to your Son, our Lord and Master, that He will make known to me also His compassionate goodness, and overlooking my countless sins, will turn me to repentance and make me fervent in doing His commandments.

Be with me always in your grace and loving mercy, for you are the fervent helper who turns away the assaults of enemies and guides men towards salvation, caring for my unworthy soul at the hour of death, and driving from it the darkness of evil spirits.

In the Day of Judgment free me from eternal torment, and show me to be an heir of the divine glory of your Son and our God.

Grant this, Lady Theotokos, by your prayers and intercessions, through the mercy and lovingkindness of your Only-begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to Whom are due all glory, honor and worship, with the Father Who is eternal and His all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Beneath your compassion we take refuge, O Theotokos. Do not despise our supplications in adversity, but deliver us from perils, O only pure and only blessed one.