

I. COMMON PRAYERS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory.
for ever and ever.
Amen
(Matthew 6.9-13)

Before Dawn

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise (Psalm 50:17). Blessed be the consubstantial, united and indivisible Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever, world without end. Amen.
– *From the Book of Hourly Prayers of the Armenian Apostolic Church – Night Service*

For Travellers

O Lord, lead us unto the paths of peace. O Lord, lead our souls and those of all believers unto the paths of righteousness and eternal life.

Guide us, O lord our God, and teach us to walk in thy paths of righteousness. Keep our lives in peace, and our ways pleasing in thy sight. Guide thy servants on their earthly and heavenly course along thy paths of purity unto thine eternal life through the grace of thine only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who became our prince of life and the hope of our salvation, with whom thou art blessed, O Father Almighty, together with thy lifegiving and liberating Holy Spirit, now and forever, world without end. Amen.

– *From the Book of Hourly Prayers of the Armenian Apostolic Church – Sunrise Service*

On Beginning Work

Lord, may Your loving favour rest upon us and prosper all the work we undertake.
– *From the Gandzasar Prayer book*

Prayer Before Meals

Let us in peace eat this food which the Lord hath provided for us. Blessed be the Lord in His gifts. Amen.

– *From the Book of Hourly Prayers of the Armenian Apostolic Church, “Meals Blessing”*

Thanksgiving After Meals

Let us give thanks and glory to the nourisher of the universe who didst nourish and fill us. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

For The Sick

Dispel the pain and heal the sickness of thy people, Lord our God and grant to all perfect health by the sign of thine all-conquering cross through which thou removed the weakness of mankind and condemned the enemy of our life and salvation. Thou art our life and salvation, beneficent and all merciful God, who alone can forgive us our sins and remove diseases and sickness from us, to whom are known our needs and necessities. Bestower of gifts, grant thy bounteous mercy to thy creatures according to their individual needs, through whom thy Holy Trinity is always glorified and praised, now, always, and forever and ever. Amen.

– *Book of Hourly Prayers of the Armenian Apostolic Church – Sixth Hour Service*

Before Sleep

Christ, Guardian of all,
May your right hand be upon me
Both day and night,
while at home and traveling,
While sleeping and awake,
So that I may never falter.
Have mercy upon your creation,
And on me, a manifold sinner.

– *From the works of St. Nerses the Graceful “I CONFESS WITH FAITH”*

Prayer Against Troubles

Provider of all creation, by the sign of your cross,
Keep my soul and my body from the bonds of sin,
From the temptation of demons,
And from unjust men,
And from all dangers of the soul and the body.
Have mercy upon your creation,
And on me, a manifold sinner.

– *From the works of St. Nerses the Graceful “I CONFESS WITH FAITH”*

Prayer Before Work

Jesus, wisdom of the Father, grant me the wisdom
To always think, speak and do that which is good in your sight.
Deliver me from evil thoughts, words and deeds.
Have mercy upon your creation,
And on me, a manifold sinner.

– *From the works of St. Nerses the Graceful “I CONFESS WITH FAITH”*

Leaving The Church

Heavenly King, preserve your Church unshaken, and keep the worshippers of
your name in peace.

– *From the Divine Liturgy Of The Armenian Church*