**SYRIAN ORTHODOX LENT PRAYERS**

**Prologue**

**†** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one true God;

Glory be to Him, and may His grace and mercy be upon us forever. Amen*.*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, by whose glory, the heaven and earth are filled, Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is He, who has to come, and is to come, in the name of the Lord; Glory be to Him in the Highest.

**Kauma**

Holy art thou, O God!

Holy art thou, Almighty,

Holy art thou, Immortal,

† Crucified for us, Have mercy upon us.

*(Repeat Thrice)*

Lord, have mercy upon us,

Lord be kind, and have mercy,

Lord accept Thou our office

And our entreaties, Have mercy on us.

Glory be to Thee, O God!

Glory be to Thee, O Creator.

Glory be to Thee, O King.

Christ who dost pity, on sinners thy servants. Barekmor.

**The 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 debts and sins,

As we also have forgiven our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.   
For Thine is the kingdom,

The power and the glory,

Forever and ever. *–*Amen

**Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace, our Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, our Lord Jesus Christ. O Virgin Saint Mary, O Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at all

times, and at the hour of our death. -Amen.

**Prayer for Departed Souls**

O Thou, full of mercy, renew Thy creation at the resurrection. O Lord, Comfort and absolve our departed ones, who died with hope in Thee, and await Thy coming. O Lord, make them dwell in the bosom of Abraham, and of Isaac and of Jacob. May the living and the departed together cry out, ‘Blessed is He, who has come, and is to come, and give life to the dead.’ - Amen.

**The Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian**

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter.

Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love.

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother; for You are blessed now and ever and forever. Amen.

**Psalm 141**

Lord, I have called upon you, answer me: hear and receive my words.

Let my prayer be like incense in your sight, the offering of my hands like the evening offering.

Set a guard, Lord, before my mouth, a guard before my lips, that my heart may not turn to evil words and I may not do deeds of wickedness.

Let me not take salt with impious men; let the just man teach me and reprove me: let not the oil of the impious anoint my head; because my prayer was against their evil-doing: their judges have been restrained by

the side of the rock; and they have heard how gentle are my words.

As when the plough cleaves the earth their bones have been scattered at the mouth of Sheol. I have lifted up my eyes to you, Lord, and in you have I put my trust, do not cast away my soul.

Keep me from the hand of the proud, who have laid snares for me; let the wicked fall into their nets, while I pass on.

**Psalm 142**

With my voice I cried to the Lord; with my voice I besought the Lord and poured out my prayer before him; I showed him my affliction, when my spirit was troubled, but you know my path.

In the way of my walking they have laid a snare for me; I look to my right and see none that knows me: the way of escape has gone from me and there is none who care for my soul. I cried to you, Lord, and said: you are my hope and my portion in the land of the living.

Hear my petition because I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors because they are too strong for me. Lead me forth from prison that I may give thanks to your name: your just ones shall have hope when you shall reward me.

**KOLO**

O Lord Jesus Christ who fasted for our sake even while You never lacked in Your holiness, grant us your grace to fast according to Your pleasure.

Through lent the righteous pleased God becoming godly; Moses, Elijah and our Lord fasted for forty days.

Glory be to You, O Lord Jesus Christ who has taught us to overcome Satan through fasting and prayers.

O Lord may our fasting and prayers become fragrance, acceptable before you as sweet smelling incense

Holy lent is the symbol of victory and a weapon undefeatable before the enemy.

O Lord may our prayers be pleasing to you. May our requests enter before you as sweet smelling incense.

O Lord Jesus Christ who received the fasting of the righteous and the saintly accept our fasting and prayers and have mercy upon us

O Lord we are the lost sheep that ran after the vanities and went away from the way of life O Good shepherd, come in search of us. Forsake us not, so that we may not be lost forever. Count us on the other hand, as the

penitent publican, the woman who was a sinner and the wise virgins, and make us worthy to enter your bridal chamber.

O God, remit our debts and forgive our sins, for we have sinned and we cry unto you. O lover of mankind, make us worthy to glorify you, for your mercies along with your saints, when you come in glory. In the manner of the prodigal son, we cry in grief.

Our father, have pity and mercy on us. We have sinned against heaven and you. We are not worthy to be called your children. Accept us at least as hired servants. O merciful God, forgive us all the sins we have committed against you.

O Lord make us worthy to give up all evil, to get reconciled to your godliness. Help us to love one another and to receive mercy and forgiveness of sins.

**O Jesus Christ, our Lord**, close not the door of Thy mercy upon our faces. We confess, we are sinners; have mercy upon us. O Lord, Thy love for us didst make Thee to come down to us from Thy place. That by Thy, death, our death might be abolished; Have mercy upon us.

**Psalm 4**

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress.

Have mercy on me,and hear my prayer. How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame?

How long will you love worthlessness, and seek falsehood?

But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; the Lord will hear when I call to Him.

Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, Who will show us any good?” Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart, More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. *And to You belongs the praise O God Barekmor*

**PRAYER**

O Merciful God, the voice of our prayer knocks at Thy door, prevent not from thy devotees the petitions of their needs. We call upon thee, O God, to assist us in our infirmities. O good one. Hearken to the voice of ours upplication and grant our petitions in thy mercy.

**St. Ephrem’s Bovooso**

Lord, Thy mercy on us cast,

Use our service, ev’ry piece,

Grant us from Thy treasure vast,

Mercy, blessing and release.

Let me, Lord, before Thee stand,

Wakefully my watch I'd keep,

Should I fall to slumber’s hand,

Guard Thou me from sinful sleep

Waking, if to wrong I take,

Mercif'ly absolve Thou me;

Sleeping, if a sin I make,

Pardon grant in clemency.

By the cross, of Thy disgrace

Grant me, Lord, a restful sleep,

Evil dreams do Thou efface,

Wicked thoughts far from me keep.

Through the night conduct me, Lord,

Peaceful sleep give Thou to me

Lest foul thoughts in me find hoard

Phantoms lest a terror be.

Grant Thy angel's watchful view,

Guard my limbs without abate,

Hateful lusts in me subdue,

By Thy living flesh I ate.

While I lie and sleep in calm,

May Thy blood my keeper be.

Let my soul dwell free from qualm

In Thine image mad’st Thou me.

Overshadow with Thy hand,

Me a handicraft of Thine,

Let me in Thy fortress stand,

Mercy shielding round be mine.

While my body silent lies,

May Thy pow'r its vigil keep,

Let my breath like incense rise,

T'ward Thy greatness in my sleep.

Let not evil touch my bed,

By Thy mother’s pleas for me,

By Thy blood atoning shed,

Satan’s harm remov-ed be.

Since Thy word abides the same,

Guarded by Thy cross I’d be;

Waking, I shall praise Thy Name,

Who didst love e’en feeble me.

Grant O Lord, a list’ning ear,

With desire to do Thy will;

Let Thy peace at eve be near,

Night Thy righteousness fulfill.

Savior Christ, our hearts inspire,

Thee to see effulgent bright—

Thee whose honor shines as fire,

Worshipped by all sons of light.

Jesus, Savior of the World,

Thou who dwellest in the light,

Praise we Thee for love unfurled—

Mercy, now with future bright.

Lord, our God, we give Thee praise.

Praise a thousand, thousand fold

Tens of Thousands praises raise,

Mercy now, till time untold.

Praise to Thee, to Thee be praise

Angels serve Thee and adore;

Lord of Angels, we too raise

Pray’rs and worship all the more.

Praise to Thee, who art our boast,

One true God, and one alone,

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

One in Three, and Three in One.

Praise the Lord, who always hears

Prayers of feeble folk like us,

Who regards repentant tears,

As first-fruits, gifts offered thus.

Earthly ones to Thee give praise,

Countless as the leaves of trees,

Thee, whose glory angels raise,

Serving Thee as Thou dost please.

Setting minds above the sod.

Thank we God, exalt Him most,

Who exists as one true God

Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Do fasting for forty days

Caring and feeding hungry

Like David, son of Jesse

Pray you seven times a day

Prophets Moses, Elijah

Fasted they for forty days

Overcame the Lord his foe

By his forty days of fast

Open door of grace for us

Now accept our humble prayers

Like those offered long ago

From deep sea and cave and fire

Thou who hearest pray’rs to Thee,

Supplications who dost heed,

Hear us: reconcil-ed be,

Mercy show, and grant our need.

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**Psalm 91**

You that sit in the shelter of the Most High and abide in glory; in the shadow of God.

Say to the Lord; ‘My trust and my refuge; the God in whom I confide’.

For He shall deliver you from the snare of stumbling, and from idle talk.

He shall keep you under His feathers, and by His wings, you shall be covered; and His truth shall encompass you like an armor.

You shall not fear from the terror by night, and from the arrow that flies by the day.

And from the Voice that travels in the darkness, and from the devastating wind in the noon.

Thousands shall fall at your side and ten thousands at your right side.

They shall not come near to you but with your eyes you shall see only; You shall see the revenge of the wicked

Since You have said ‘Thou art the Lord, my trust. Who has placed thy abode in the heights’.

There shall not evil come near to you; neither shall any plague draw near to your dwelling place.

For He shall give His angels command concerning you, who shall protect you in all your ways.

And they shall bear you up in their hands, lest your foot stumble.

You shall tread upon the adder and the basilisk; and you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

For the Lord has said: ‘Since he has sought me, I will deliver him and strengthen him’.

‘Since he has known my name he shall call upon me and I will answer him, and be with him in affliction’.

I will strengthen him and honor him. With long life, will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

**Psalm 121**

I will lift up eyes to the mountain, from whence comes my helper.

My help is from the Lord who has made the heaven and the earth.

He will not suffer your foot to tremble; Your keeper shall not slumber.

For neither slumbers, nor sleeps the keeper of Israel;

The Lord is your keeper. The Lord shall overshadow you with his right hand.

The sun shall not smite you by day nor the moon by night;

The Lord shall take care of you from all evil; the Lord shall take care of your life.

He shall watch over your exit and your entrance, henceforth forever.

*And to You belongs the praise, O God –Barekmor*

**PRAYER OF ST. SEVERUS**

O Lord, who sittest in the secret place of the Most High, shelter us beneath the shadow of the wings of thy mercy, and have compassion upon us.

Thou, who hearest all things, in Thy loving kindness, hearken to the supplication of thy servants.

Grant us O Messiah; our Savior! A peaceful evening and a sinless night, for Thou art a glorious king, and unto Thee, are our eyes lifted up.

Forgive our debts and our sins; have mercy upon us, both in this world and in that to come.

May thy loving kindness shelter us, O Lord and Thy grace be upon our faces. May Thy cross protect us, from the evil one and his hosts.

Let Thy right hand overshadow us all the days of our lives and Thy peace reign among us.

Do Thou give hope and salvation to the souls that pray to Thee.

By the prayers of St. Mary, Thy Mother, and of all Thy Saints, O God, forgive us our debts, and have mercy uponus. –Amen

**Praise of the Cherubim**

† Blessed is the glory of the Lord, from His Place forever;

† Blessed is the glory of the Lord, from His Place forever;

† Blessed is the glory of the Lord, from His Place forever and ever

Holy and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us;

Holy and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us;

Holy and glorious Trinity, have compassion and mercy upon us.

Holy art Thou and glorious for ever

Holy art Thou and glorious for ever

Holy art Thou and blessed is thy name, forever and ever.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord;

Glory be to Thee, ever our hope. **–**Barekmor

Our Father who art in Heaven…

Hail Mary, full of grace…

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in One True God, The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God; begotten, not made; being of the same substance with the Father, and by whom all things were made:

† Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven,

† And was incarnate of the Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, by the Holy Ghost, and became man.

† And was crucified for us, in the days of Pontius Pilate, and suffered and died, and was buried.

And the third day rose again, according to His will; and ascended into heaven, and sat on the right hand of the Father, and shall come again in His great glory, to judge the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And in one living Holy Spirit, the life-giving Lord of all, who proceeds from the Father, and who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified: who spoke by the prophets and the Apostles.

And in One, Holy, Catholic, Orthodox and Apostolic Church: And we acknowledge one baptism, for the remission of sins: and look for the resurrection of the dead: and the new life in the world to come.

**Concluding Prayer**

O holy Father, guard us by They Sacred Name. O Son of God, our Savior, protect us with Thy victorious cross. O Holy Spirit, make us worthy temples of Thy holy habitation. O Lord, our God forever shelter us under Thy diving wings, at all times, forever.