

Prayers in the Passion Week

Morning Prayers

Glory be to thee, O Great Sovereign who is the Lord of all; who suffered because of our father Adam, and to return him back again to Paradise.

Glory be to thee, O Master of all, our Messiah King, who for healing their sick, the Scribes condemned to die:

Come, all ye people: let us suffer in the Passion of the Lord the Messiah who is our Saviour, let us praise and worship the Holy One, who accepted the punishment of death for our sake:

Glory be to thee O Master of all.

O Word of God who took human flesh for us; who bartered us by his Precious Blood, and who saved us by His Passion:

Glory be to thee, O Master of all.

O thou virtuous One, Blessed art thou, who by thy infinite mercy came down from heaven; who for the guilt of Adam, stood before the seat of judgement like one guilty; who by thy Holy Will endured all the sufferings:

Glory be to thee O Master of all.

By great miracles healed and comforted all manner of their sick, and in return the Scribes and Pharisees schemed treachery upon thee and prepared the tree to hang thee, who endured all their violence and punishment for our sake:

Glory be to thee, O Master of all.

For the salvation thou brought to the children of Jerusalem, they repaid thee with the Passion and the Cross of Scorn.

O thou who endured all this for our sake! Blessed art thou.

Of thee the treacherous Caiaphas uttered the true and prophetic words, that it was better that one man died so the whole people might not perish:

Glory be to thee, O thou Master of all.

Thy mercy and thy love compelled thee to descend into the earth, to take flesh from the Daughter of David, to suffer the Passion for the forgiveness of our sins: O Lord our Messiah, Glory be to thee.

Let us all wake up from slumber and offer incessant praise to our Lord, who suffered the Passion for us, and by His suffering of the Passion wiped away our suffering.

Glory be to thee, O God!

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O Merciful One, by thy grace have mercy upon us.

O thou who revealed of thy Passion to thy disciples at night, that in their distress caused them to sorrow and to lament:

Glory be to thee!

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O God, of whom Iscariot because of his avarice, went forth at night and conferred about with the murderers who wished to condemn thee to death:

O Gracious One, by thy grace have mercy upon us.

O God whom the iniquitous people assembled together at night and inquired upon, on how they shall capture thee who art the Son of God:

Glory be to thee!

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O Gracious One, by thy grace have mercy upon us.

Refrain:

B' Edo, n'd liliyo u nau de thy ne sugudile

l'M'sshiho

B' parkon b'ha-she umukko ghaq.

He who brought salvation to us by his Passion
and his lowliness,

Let us praise and worship Him, the Messiah.

Recite three times and prostrate.

Followed by the chorus:

Lok mor thesy buhatho.....etc.

Say the Lord's Prayer.

Supplication

O Lord the Messiah who is Saviour of the World! The assembly of Jews banished their doubts about thee; they repaid thee with evil instead of thy good; they prepared the Cross for thee who art spotless; and because of this thou scattered them.

And instead of them, Thou gathered us as thy people.

O Lord, who in the dark of the night revealed to the gathered disciples, those concealed secrets Thy prophets the visionaries of Truth had prophesied of old: that the world would be saved by the Passion and Death thou would suffer from the cursed people of the Jews: we glorify thy lowliness.

Supplication

O Lord the Messiah who is our Saviour! Suffering with thee in the days of thy Passion, thy Holy Church cry aloud unto thee: O Lord Jesus, O Word of God, who took flesh for our sakes, we confess thee and we confess in thy Passion.

5. O Son of God! Abandon us not from thy love.

6 Redeem thy Church that suffers and laments in thy Passion.

Remember thy people who confess thy name and suffer with thee in thy Passion

O Saviour! We praise thee and thy Father who sent thee for our salvation.

Supplication

O Lord! The Sophe and the Pharisees conferred against thee.

For healing and saving their sick and their dead, they conspired to condemn thee to death.

They did not know thee, that thou art the One who inspects, and knows the hearts and inner perceptions of men.

O thou who made Royal Progress down to us, and for our sakes took on suffering and death, to liberate us the human race from the bondage of sin: praise be unto thee.

The Jewish Chieftains who hated the Truth gathered beside Caiaphas; they conceived treachery against thee who art the Lord of the High Heaven and the Low Abyss.

They were not remorseful in condemning thee to death, O thou who art spotless.

O Saviour! Who by thy Holy Will, endured all these upon thy Holy Body with patience, to liberate us from the blindness of sin: how inadequate are our mouths and our tongues to sing of thy humility.

However much Thou humbled thyself to suffer Passion and death, thy Nature is that much exalted and worshipped.

O Master of Worship, O Lord of All, because thou has brought us salvation with thy Passion, all mouths proclaim thy glory.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

O King of Radiance! Who came to preach the paths of righteousness to the children of men: the people without discernment opposed thee.

In their pride they closed their eyes, that they may not see thy great glory and be saved.

They took offence at thee because of the cruelty that hid in their hearts.

They gnashed their teeth, and rushed at thee in order to kill thee.

They rejected thee not knowing of their salvation.

The gentiles who received thee became radiant by thy gospel.

The Cherubs harnessed beneath thy chariot extol thee upon their wings.

But the cursed people prepared the Cross for thee.

And besides, they sentenced thee to death along with the thieves.

O Saviour who for our sakes endured all these! How blessed is thy humility.

O Blessed One! Who prayed to thy Father for those who counted thee with the wicked and the unrighteous and clamoured for thy death, who inflicted upon thee punishments and violence, who rejected thee and hung thee from the Cross of Scorn, and said: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do, grant us thy blessings.

Glory be to thee, O gracious Lord; who suffered the Passion and united us with the Father.

Behold! Thy whole Church suffers with thee in thy Passion; we praise thee, and weave a Crown of Praises for thee.

How much thou suffered for it, that much it glorifies thee.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, from thousands upon thousands.

Glory be to thee, from ten thousands upon ten thousands.

Glory and honour be unto thee and to the Father who sent thee, and to the Holy Spirit, from the beginning and unto the ages of ages, **Amen**.

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l'M'sshiho
B' parkon b'ha-she umukko ghaq.*

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Supplication

As the prophet Isiah revealed to us of thy death, they took thee away, O Lord, like a lamb to the slaughter.

And like an ewe before the shearer, thou remained silent.

Thou humbled thyself and raised high thy Holy Church.

Thou suffered the punishment and set free its members.

O thou who redeemed us by the blood that flowed from thy side, glory be to thee.

O thou Lamb of the Living God, who came down from on high for our salvation, thou searched for the fruits of glory in the vineyard of thy Father.

When the servants saw thee, they conspired: This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance; and because of this they were scattered;

Blessed art thou O Lord, who instead of them, betrothed thy Holy Church unto thee.

Thou gave them water changed into good wine; but they gave thee bitter gall upon the Tree.

Thou gave them bread in abundance, and in return they gave thee the bitter gall.

They received all goodness from thee, and instead returned thee all evil.

O Master who suffered this punishment to liberate thy servants, quicken in me thy voice, that I may sing the praises of thy Cross.

Let my words attain glory from thee.

O Most Exalted One whose side was pierced by the lance for our sakes, however much thy love suffered for our sakes:

Grant us that much eloquence to speak of thy glory.

O Most High Elevated One, who stood silently at the place of thy trial, grant me voice to sing of thy beauty.

O Lord, those who rejected thee got together; they grabbed thee; thy disciples too abandoned thee and ran away, and the evil ones surrounded thee.

They tried thee; they spat in thy face; they filled thy ears with all manner of scorn.
O thou who suffered all this for us, and for the salvation of our kind, glory be to thee.
Forgive the sins of thy Church who have part-taken of thy Body and Blood, like thou had forgiven sins of the woman who kissed thy feet.
O Lord Jesus, in whom all have attained salvation, from all and by all, praise be unto thee.
Praise be unto thee and to thy Father and unto the Holy ghost, immeasurably, unto the ages of ages,
Amen.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Glory be to the Trinity!
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Glory be to the blessed, the ineffable and eternal Trinity!
Praise is due unto thee O God, at all times, **Amen.**

O thou Gracious Lord, by thy grace, have mercy upon us.
O Lord grant us thy blessings and help us.
Glory be to the Trinity!
Glory be to the Trinity!
We praise the Blessed, Immanent, and Eternal Trinity!
Praise is due unto thee O God, at all times, **Amen.**

Supplication

O God in thy love, in the Upper Room thou gave unto thy disciples thy Body and Blood, and commanded them to eat and drink of it.
And in thy love thou commanded and said to them: before I suffer the Passion and grant you the Holy Spirit and Eternal Life, I have been desirous of taking this Feast of the Pessah with you.
Moreover Lord, when thou sat down to supper with thy disciples, thou took water, and like a servant washed their feet; and O Lord the Messiah, thou commanded, “you also ought to wash one another’s feet,” Glory be to thee,
By thy mercy thou diminished thy greatness; by thy grace thou descended to the earth for the salvation of mankind;
O Lord the Messiah! Blessed is thy favour upon us, that rescued us from the Wrongful Path.
O Father who is merciful to all, glory be to thee for thy mystery.
O Son who suffered the Passion for all, we adore thee for thy Revelation.
O Holy Spirit who sanctifies all, praise be to thee for thy mercy.

Just as Angels and High Archangels in heaven are adoring thee, like them we the weak and earthly ones adore thee always and at all times.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee;
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son and Word of the Father,
That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art the most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**
Always and all the days of our lives we will sanctify thee, and praise thy Holy Name which is Blessed and Eternal.
O Almighty God of our fathers, thou art Blessed;
Thy name is glorious, and thou art abounding in glories for ever.
Praise is becoming thee and glory is befitting thee, O thou God of All and Father of Truth.
Praise is due unto thee, unto thy only begotten Son, and unto the living Holy Spirit, now and at all times, now and for ever, Amen.

Say 2 kaumas here,

followed by Psalm 51, The Miserere.

Supplication

O Lord the Messiah! O thou who made us free of suffering!
Because I prostrate myself before thee, grant me thy blessing.
O Lord the Messiah! By thy nature thou art elevated high above suffering and death; and yet thou suffered the Passion for us:
Because I prostrate myself before thee, grant me thy blessing.
Thy Church which thou redeemed from the Wrongful Path, by thy Passion and death, praise thee, O God!
Because I prostrate myself before thee, grant me thy blessing.
O God who fulfilled entirely, all mysteries, similes and all parables that are written of thee!
Because I prostrate myself before thee, grant me thy blessing.
O God who suffered the Passion and the Cross to save Adam and his children! Because I prostrate myself before thee, grant me thy blessing.
O thou who saved us from all the treachery of Satan by thy Passion and thy Death! Because I prostrate myself before thee, grant me thy blessing.
O Lord Jesus our Saviour, glory be to thy Passion that removed all our sufferings from sin! O Lover of Mankind!
Because I prostrate myself before thee, grant me thy blessing.

O Lord Jesus our Saviour, thy Blessing has invited us to part-take with thee in thy Passion.
Blessed art thou O Lord, for thou give us the joy of New Life in thy Spiritual Chamber of the
Bridegroom.

Make us rejoice in thy resurrection, O Lord, and commend us to thy Father, for we are participants
with thee, and part-takers in thy Passion.

O Lord! The Priests of Impurity conspired in secret to condemn thee to death, O thou who art the
Judge of all Judges.

O Lord, may thy Death be our shield from the Evil One, and the spit that thou received on thy face,
life-giving drink to us.

O Lord, accept our ministrations and be comforted by our prayers.

In love we have ministered before thy Holy Presence; have mercy on us all.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God.

Praise be to thee O God, for thou came down in humility and visited Adam in the place where he was,
and lifted him up from his Fall.

Thou endured the Passion so that our race may be lifted up again and the devils fall; thou received
abuse from the wicked; were derided as a Samaritan; but thou O Lord, hid thy Great Radiance that
they would not be blinded.

For all the good that thou had done, they prepared the Cross of Scorn for thee along with the unjust.
Thou knelt down to pray in great agony, and with a loud echoing voice thou prayed to thy Father.

O thou before whom the Seraphs stand trembling and cover their faces! For thee the Sons of Zion, a
people without discernment, prepared the Cross of Scorn.

O thou who endured this so the ignorant may escape from their darkness: Glory be to thee.

O God of God, O thou Saviour of the World: on the morning of the Friday they ventured out to hang
thee.

Evil Spirits stirred; the earth trembled; the rocks cried out; the mountains wailed; tombs broke open
and the dead too set forth: "Woe to the cursed people that hanged their Lord!" they cried.

The people nailed thee to a cross on Golgotha, thou who art the Son of God and the Saviour of the
World.

They placed a crown of thorns upon thy head.

They pierced thy hands; they gave thee vinegar to drink; and in fulfilment of the Holy Scriptures, they
pierced thy side; and the blood and water that would bring forgiveness of the sins of the world flowed
from thee.

O Saviour, we praise thee for thy mercy for ever, unto the ages of ages.

O thou Great High Priest, thou who art the Lamb of Mysteries Invisible, the Perfection of Things
Visible, the Seal of the Senses, and who for our sakes became the Sacrifice of Peace: blessed is thy
Father that sent thee.

O thou Lover of Mankind, praise be unto thee from those above and those below.

Because the wicked set forth from two sides: Satan from among the Angels and Iscariot from among
the disciples, both these sides will magnify thee.

Thy Church too that has been comforted by they Cross, will magnify thee instead of them.

All those that thou has saved from the Wrongful Path, will confess thee;

and the whole world that has been freed by thy Cross will magnify thee; they will for ever glorify thee and sing praises to thee, and to thy Father, and to the Holy Ghost.

Pray two kaumas here, and then:

O Lord our God who by thy passion, sacrificed Himself for us for our Salvation, have mercy on us.

O God who fashioned us with thy hands in thy own image! Who by thy grace, by thy Cross and thy Passion, has redeemed us: glory be to thee.

O God who knows everything that is yet to come, who revealed to His disciples about His death: have mercy on us.

O God, make good our transgressions; and make us worthy to praise thee.

When thou made thy Royal Progress to visit thy Creation, the cursed people put away their hesitations about thee; they created an uproar.

The little vipers condemned to death, whom the Angelic Hosts in the heaven on high, stand and serve thee incessantly.

Thou who art by Nature above all suffering, endured the Cross of Scorn for our salvation.

Thou that created the Sun and the Moon by thy Sacred Word, received spittle and insults from the corrupt little vipers.

Thou whom the Seraphs stand and exalt in fear trembling: the people without discernment gathered together and considered about thee.

O Saviour who because of thy love for us, made Royal Progress to give us the Victory by thy Passion: grant us thy blessing.

He whom the Cherubs bear with trembling and fear: for our sakes thou bore the Tree of the Cross.

Moreover Lord, thou came down from thy throne to save mankind: O Saviour, how blessed is thy humility that humbled thyself to all manner of insults of man.

O Saviour, grant us thy blessing.

Wipe away our great many sins and transgressions and make them nought.

Accept the service of thy servants and grant us our petitions.

Morning prayers are complete.